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By Bill Lauder Jr.

ST. DONAT, Province of Quebec, Canada, Feb. 4.—Here on the final stop of our ski tour of the Laurentians, at Jasper-in-Quebec, convenience is the byword. Step out of the comfortable lodge and it's only seventy-five feet to the

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On the other side of the lift line is a real racing trail for experts, the mile-long Castor Trail which comes into Sunset Slope about 100 yards from the base of the lift.

There is a practice slope just across the road from the lodge

and across the Sunset slope from the lift line is the novice slope which is used by many of the ski school classes and which has a 400-foot rope tow.

Jasper, which has been developed by George Fusey, a Montreal attorney, is in its sixth season. When the lift first was put in the area comprised the Sunset Slope and the Alouette Trail. But, gradually the mountain is being developed and new trails have been cut and the "baby slope" for the ski school was new last season.

While the lodge is the focal point of the development, there are a number of smaller chalets scattered around the base of the mountain along the edge of beautiful Lake Archambault. But the main dining room is in the lodge and it's a treat. A classic French cuisine, with Clement the chef and Claude the maitre d'hotel, will please the most discriminating.

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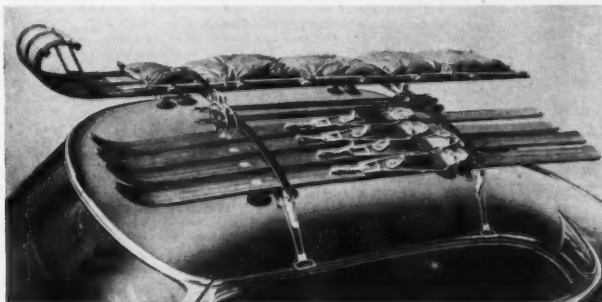
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In 1930, in the Swiss Alps, I learned the Telemark using a cross-country binding, which happened to be ideal also for climbing in those days when we had no lifts or tows to speak of. We freely intermixed christies and Telemarks, with the latter reserved primarily for heavy, unbroken powder. With the advent of the tight, spring binding, the construction of lifts and tows that obviated the necessity of climbing, and the intense emphasis on vorlage, Telemarks became a thing of the past. It was said they lacked "lateral stability," and besides, it was taken for granted that Telemark turning was impossible when one's heel was firmly strapped down to the ski.

The Telemark, I will admit, is not a high-speed turn. Nor was it ever intended for hard-packed snow. But we are not all racers and there *are* places in this country occasionally blessed with heavy powder. Skiing for style still has its place under those conditions, and the Telemark is not only a joy to perform but also leaves a most photogenic track.

In the past twenty years, I have kept up with new developments in technique as well as equipment, but having been raised with a Telemark, I did not choose to abandon it entirely. I have had no difficulty doing them first with cables, and more recently with long-thongs—apparently much to the surprise of certain professionals I've talked to who declared this to be impossible. The Telemark still has a function even in the East. Many is the time I have averted calamity—and collision with high-speed out-of-control "racers"—by Telemarking from the well-packed trail into the deep snow under the trees alongside.

Fred Grunfeld

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Wolfgang Lert
Associate Publisher and
Western Editor

Los Angeles, Calif.



Sirs:

I have read Dr. Rombold's article on leg fractures with extreme interest, for I have long felt that there were many good people who were trying to solve this problem without actually knowing too much about all the factors involved. The good Doctor's approach looks to me as though he had struck the noggin right on the head with the most intelligent, and in fact the only approach—unless Gramp Bright would lend his old beat-up bones to be cracked at will. His findings are of great interest to me personally, as I have busted my leg twice in seventeen years and am at last going to fall for some type of release binding.

C. Minot Dole

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Sirs:

Your November issue contains a photo of the "Fitchburg Chipper" and the caption states that the picture was taken at Cannon Mountain. This is not the case, as the photo was taken at Mount Sunapee.

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Editorially Speaking...



It is with pride and pleasure that I introduce to you the smiling but harassed department head shown in the accompanying photograph: Laura—the manager of our Circulation Department and Bureau of Missing Subscribers. For many months of the year, Mrs. Evans is a respectable citizen of Hanover, N. H.; a pillar of the community; mother of two fine boys, one of them a member of the University of Vermont ski team, the other captain of the Hanover High ski team. But come the winds of autumn, and poor Laura is reduced to a disintegrated, dishevelled reflection of her former self. The reason for this deplorable change is the letters which pour into us, most of them along the following lines: "Where the . . . is my . . . magazine? I sent in my change of address two weeks ago and . . ." Good taste and postal regulations prevent us from quoting further.

Letters like this make Laura feel sad. And mad, because the circulation department, like every other part of the magazine, is subject to certain schedules.

Most magazines request six weeks notice for a change of address. Laura begs, implores, and supplicates for a minimum of four.



Laura's other big headache is the subscriber who writes in without mentioning his former address. The subscription files are arranged geographically, not alphabetically. It is, therefore, impossible for Laura to check the subscription record or remove the old address of a subscriber if he sends just his name. In

order to find the subscription, Laura absolutely must know whether it comes from Hungry Horse, Montana, or from Bird-in-Hand, Pennsylvania. So to save Laura's sanity, let me ask: if you have any correspondence regarding your subscription or change of address, please always include the address and zone number under which your subscription is currently running. These are some of Laura's bigger headaches. Of course, she has little ones, too, such as spelling the name and address of a subscriber such as this one in Japan:

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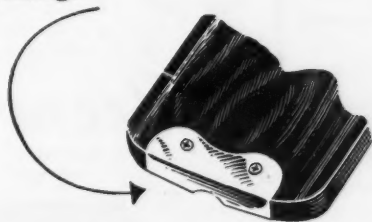
Of course, there are compensations. Laura's knowledge of geography is becoming quite overwhelming, what with having to look after subscribers in every one of the forty-eight states, the District of Columbia, APO and FPO addresses to say nothing of subscribers in Arabia, Argentina, British West Indies, Lebanon, Morocco, Thailand, Turkey and Uruguay who represent only eight of the thirty-eight countries which receive SKI each month.

If any of you, dear readers, harbor ambitions to join the select circle of favorite subscribers, headed by a man down in Tennessee who is in good standing until December, 1967, your requests (please don't forget your present address!) shall be most joyfully received by Laura Evans and Yours Truly.

Bill Eldred

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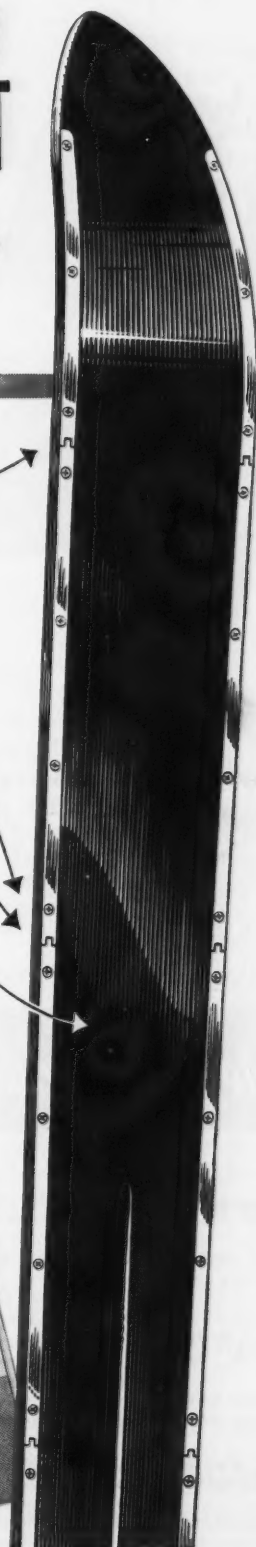
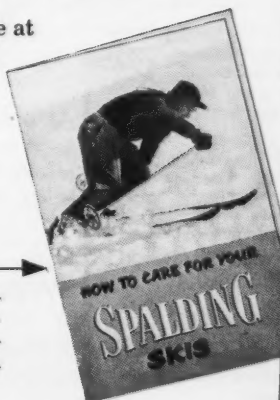
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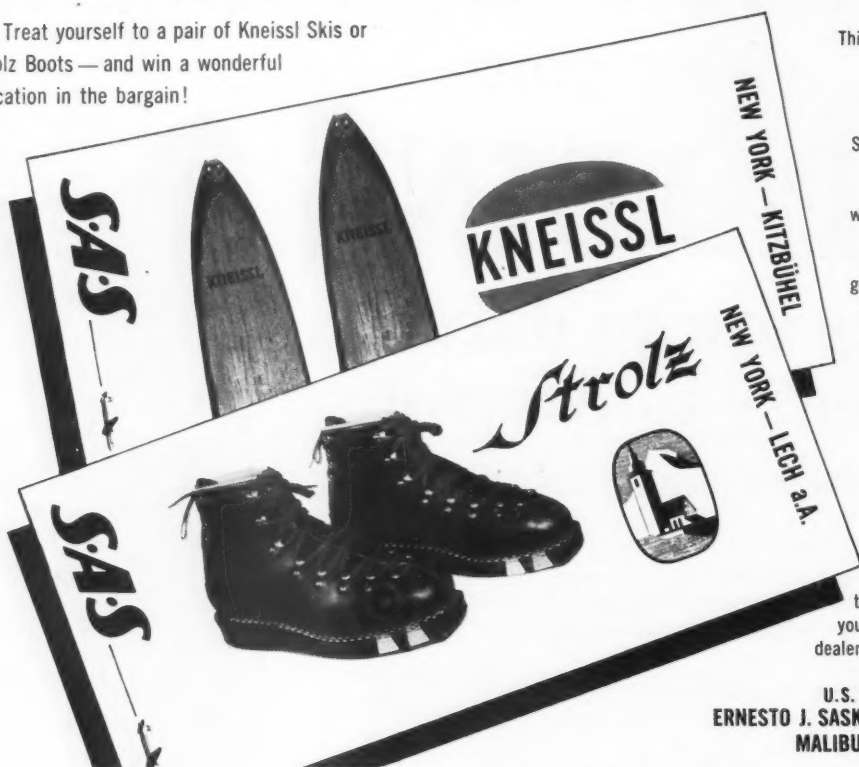
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SKI Newsletter

WORD HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED from Chantilly, near Paris, France, where the Lawrences have been living, that Andrea Mead Lawrence has withdrawn her name from the roster of the 1954 Women's FIS Alpine Squad. "Our personal plans for the future have been evolving for the past few months and now necessitate our return to the States for an indefinite time," states Andy, the only woman ever to have won two Olympic gold medals. It is a certainty that her many skiing friends and competitors both in this country and abroad will miss her during the coming FIS events in Sweden. . . . Another withdrawal announcement has come from Sally Neidlinger, current National Downhill Champion, who prefers to remain in California. Mary Litchfield, the squad's youngest member, also is unlikely to seek a berth, since she is in school in Switzerland.

23 NATIONS HAVE NAMED THEIR CANDIDATES for the Championships. Russia, characteristically, is a "holdout" and refuses to divulge whether or not she will be represented, although a recent Russian publication says a Red squad is in training outside Kiev. West and East Germany have united to send a common 33-member team and Iron-Curtained Czechoslovakia is sending a team of 48, one of the largest. Hungary also plans to send 15 men. Switzerland is reported sending 30 contestants for both the alpine and nordic events. 41 Austrian men and women were called together for a training conference this fall and it appears that the first team in the men's alpine events from this favored nation will be Schneider, Molterer, Pravda and Schuster, with the second men's squad composed of Strolz, Sailer, Hillbrand and Hinterseer. The women's team will probably include Trude Klecker, Erika Mahringer, Lotte Blattl and Thea Hochleitner. Sepp Bradl will lead a group of four jumpers from Austria in the classic events. Austria's women skiers have been training in Kitzbuehel with men's training at Zurs and Bad Gastein. Toni Spiess, Austrian Olympic medal winner who has been studying at Dartmouth, is returning to Europe to try out for the Austrian squad. France, which started training for its downhill and slalom experts at Cervinia, at 10,000 feet in the Italian Alps, in September, is expected to send a squad including Couttet, Lacroix, Bozon, de Huertas, Mattis, Bonlieu, Bordalaix, Suzanne Thioliere and Paule Erny. Its squad is now in training at Chamonix and is sending five jumpers for coaching at Kongsberg, Norway. Our own squad of nearly 60 winds up training at Mt. Mansfield, Lake Placid and Paul Smith's, N.Y. before the team is named early next month to go to Europe.

THE CASCADE SKI CLUB OF PORTLAND, OREGON, opened the campaign in the National Ski Association's drive to raise \$25,000 to send our skiers to the Championships by donating \$1,153.63 to the cause. The Sun Valley Ski Club followed with \$1,000. Philadelphia ski shop owner Martin Wilburger added another \$50. It would be a shame if our nation could not afford to send its top competitors to these championships. Hannes Schneider, world-famous head of the ski school in the Eastern Slopes Region at North Conway, N.H., has sent out hundreds of letters to his many friends urging them to support this worthy cause. If you have not already contributed, the team merits every skier's support. Send your contribution to Roger Langley, National Ski Association, Barre, Mass.

CORTLANDT T. HILL, international ski figure of Los Angeles and St. Paul, recently married Marion Ballaire of Paris. The ceremony took place in Cassis, France. Directors of the U.S. Eastern Amateur Ski Association recently elected Dartmouth Coach Walter Prager of Hanover, N.H. and William Van Ingen of Philadelphia to fill out the board. . . . New officers of the Far West Ski Instructors' Association include Peter Picard, president; Dodie Post and Grats Powers, vice-presidents; Wes Thomas, secretary and Bob Law, treasurer. . . . Nelson Bennett, transplanted New Englander, who among other duties heads Sun Valley's efficient patrol system, has been elected president of the Pacific Northwest Ski Association. . . . Bob St. Louis, a 10th Mountain and Korean War vet, has been named ski coach at Seattle University. Bob was intercollegiate four-way champion in the Northwest in '48.

NEWSLETTER

A GLASS SKI HAS APPEARED ON THE MARKET IN AUSTRIA consisting of a wooden core, a layer of glass and a plastic covering. A similar ski was introduced in this country a few years ago by the Northland Ski Mfg. Co. . . . A free trip to Austria is the grand prize for a contest being conducted by Ernesto J. Saska, importer of Kneissl skis. Any buyer of a pair of Kneissls is eligible. . . . Rudy Mattesich, personable head of the Austrian State Tourist Department in New York, has been appointed U.S. and Canadian representative for the Austrian Ski Association.

OVERNIGHT CAPACITY AT MT. MANSFIELD, VT. has been increased by more than 100 beds this year by the building of the new Top Notch lodge and also a new motel located opposite Stowe Center. Capacity has also been increased at the Toll House. . . . A 24- by 80-foot prefabricated building with cafeteria and warming facilities is being erected at Cannon Mountain instead of the \$50,000 shelter planned. The change was made necessary by high construction costs and lack of time in which to erect the permanent building, although this is planned for next summer.

THE COLORADO SKI INFORMATION CENTER of the Denver Convention and Visitors Bureau has compiled complete information on all of the state's leading areas, giving all details from accommodations to advice on how to rent a car to reach any of the areas. . . . An information center has been opened by the Vermont Development Commission in New York at 1268 Avenue of the Americas in Rockefeller Center to dispense ski and other information about the state's areas. . . . Bob Seaver of Brattleboro has been re-elected president of the Vermont Winter Sports Council and Clem Curtis of Stowe, vice-president. The secretary-treasurer is Madelon Mulroney of Dutch Hill area. . . . Ed Taylor has provided for night skiing at his Alpine Meadows area outside Saratoga Springs, N.Y. with a 2,000-foot section of the slope area well lighted and serviced by the main cable lift. . . . A new guide to New York State ski areas has been prepared and may be obtained by writing New York State Department of Commerce, Room 860, 112 State St., Albany, N.Y. . . . A new mile-and-a-half beginner's trail has been completed at Black Mountain, Jackson, N.H. Art Doucette, veteran Eastern Slopes pro, will again head the school at Black this winter.

NEARLY \$100,000 HAS BEEN SPENT THIS YEAR to enlarge and improve the skiing and ski facilities at Squaw Valley, Tahoe City, California. Guest capacity at the Lodge has been increased to nearly 200 and vast clearing of slopes effected. . . . Luxurious cabins and a bunkhouse have been added to Sportsland Ski Chalet at Winter Park, Colorado to now provide total accommodations for 80 at this popular resort.

SKI SCHOOL CHANGES IN THE LAURENTIANS include the appointment of Franz Gabl to head the school at Mont Gabriel and of Eric Durschmidt as head of the Ste. Agathe school. . . . Hans Falkner, head of the Mont Gabriel school for the past several years, has left Canada after 15 years of ski teaching to return to his native town of Ober-Gurgl in Europe's highest parish, where his family owns several hotels and the chair lift. . . . An 89-passenger express diesel streamliner will be used by the Canadian Pacific Railway between Montreal and Mont Tremblant this winter. Departure time from Windsor Station in Montreal is 8:35 A.M. except Sunday when it departs at 7:55 A.M. The new car operates at speeds up to 85 miles-per-hour, but skis must be shipped ahead. A program to provide needy youngsters with equipment has been started by the Society for Advancement of skiing in Quebec City and the Lac Beauport areas. An annual auction is also being held to move outworn and overgrown equipment.

ABOUT 15% OF THE TOTAL POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES, or nearly 23 million people, live within 150 miles of the new aerial tramway being planned for Mt. Greylock in the Berkshires of Massachusetts, according to its proponents. . . . The Thunder Mountain Ski Association has been formed at Charlemont, Mass. to provide skiing on a private club basis there. Headed by Art Parker, the plan calls for a limited membership of 300 and the three-year plan for the area includes two T-Bar lifts in addition to the present tow. Family membership rate for this year is thirty dollars. . . . A Family Rate is being inaugurated for the use of the five lifts at Bromley by Fred Pabst this season that might well be followed by other areas.

Tips For Tyros

1. Get your legs in shape before the season starts. Cross-country walking and running are among the best ways. Even Ping-pong players warm up before a game. Skiing is a lot more strenuous.

2. Dress warmly, but not so bulkily that you can't move freely. You will warm up very fast when you start skiing. Bring an extra coat along to wear *after* you quit for the day.

3. Make sure your ski bindings fit your boots without too much free play. Have boots that fit your feet; loose boots are like loose skates—they won't go your way.

4. Take care of your skis and equipment. They will give you only the kind of service you give them. Keep your skis waxed. And here's an extra tip for you. Put a coating of wax on the top surface of your skis. It will save you from lugging around half the snow on the hill on top of them, especially if the day is mild.

5. Protect yourself and other skiers; ski only the slopes for which you are ready. It is impossible for you to have learned everything in one week!

6. This may sound strange to some, but there is a proper way to fall. Learn it. And remember, *relax* if you are in for a spill. The best skiers will fall, too, and at much greater speeds than you will possibly ever experience. You aren't likely to be hurt if you relax and let yourself go.

7. Don't take the sport so seriously that you miss the fun in it. You may never become an Olympic candidate, but you can have as many thrills and as much enjoyment as anyone.

8. Watch the good skiers on their downhill runs. They never travel faster than the speed they can fully control. It's like driving a car; speeding and reckless driving very often end up in disaster.

9. Don't overdo. When you become tired you leave yourself wide open to the possibility of injury. Most accidents occur late in the day on that proverbial "last run."

10. Be patient; the best skiers are still learning. Observe the rules of courtesy and others will show you the same respect. And when you fall in love with the sport, you will agree with me that it's the greatest sport on earth.

—ROLAND J. DUFOUR

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Just Watching

by BILL BREYFOGLE

SCATTERED about the country are a great many people who wait impatiently for the beginning of each season's skiing, though they are not skiers themselves. And the ski season is full-blown during the yuletide holidays; Christmas spirit is added to ski spirit, and the resulting atmosphere is difficult to surpass. The non-skiers, primarily, are the ones who have discovered that skiing, besides being a sport, is a fascinating spectacle, a kind of elaborate ballet with a continuous performance and no charge for admission. Put them on the balcony of their favorite resort on some bright winter morning, with the lift running and the slopes beginning to fill, and all they ask is to be left undisturbed until lunch.

A distinction is to be made between these true *aficionados* and those who merely go to watch competitions. Spectators at races and jumping events have come to see trained athletes exert themselves, but the connoisseur prefers the sight of ordinary people enjoying themselves. He finds his pleasure not in the scheduled events of a set program but (*Continued on page 53*)



CHRISTMAS WINDOW, MT. SHUKSAN, WASHINGTON BY WALT DYKE

A BOOT GROWS in WENGEN

An Evening With the Molitor Family in Their Swiss Home Reveals an Intimate Picture of A Happy, Close-Knit Family and Explains the Fabulous Success of Their "Moli" Ski Boots

by PETER PRINGSHEIM



Three-times Swiss National Champion, Karl Molitor is also an Olympic silver medalist

NOT long ago I found some notes in the pocket of my ski pants. It seems that they were scribbled under the unmistakable influence of a fabulous fondue feast—which is no wonder, as Mother Molitor concocts the headiest fondue in the Alps. In due course I "decoded" them, to discover that they spell out the recipe for the Molitor saga of success.

In Wengen, in Switzerland's Bernese Oberland, the sunburned chalets and multi-colored resort hotels are all glued picturesquely against the flank of the majestic Jungfrau mountain. The eve-

ning in question was cold and crisp outside after an all-day, early April snowstorm, but inside the spacious Molitor home it was cozy and companionable. The talk was of the past, of proud labor, of hands and ideas that molded stubborn leather into the intricate shapes of champions' ski boots, of victories on skis and of adventures in the mountains.

At the head of the table sat Father Molitor, the craftsman and cobbler who in 1913 founded in this remote mountain village what today is the world-wide source of thousands of hand-crafted ski boots, known as "Molis." Father Molitor was an accomplished mountaineer, and this was how it all began. He first produced mountaineering boots to measure for the guides and tourists, translating the shape of a chamois foot into a boot design with narrow contours and nails

only along the rim of the sole. In 1925 he introduced crepe soles and in 1938 he built the first over-lace ski boot in Switzerland. The year 1943 won Molitor another first—the installation of an inside corset in a ski boot.

Fritz Molitor's unerring instinct, his inventive mind, his knowledge of the material that is his great love, leather, and his native enthusiasm for a great sport have catapulted his ski boots from an obscure beginning to world fame. Though he was forced into retirement by an untimely, paralyzing stroke, his kind and smiling eyes still mirror the high blue wonders of his beloved mountains and follow with well-earned pride the progress of the work he started. His wife, the business head of the family from the start, took up the reins with their son Karl. They now manage a thriving sports store
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Molitor stands smilingly in front of the boot factory, an over-sized chalet on one of the principal streets of Wengen, not far from the family's home



A worker demonstrates one of the many steps that eventually compose a hand-crafted boot



AIR GUIDE TO EUROPE

Planning a Trip to the Alps? If So, You Will Find Travel Rates Pleasantly Low, Conducted Tours Numerous and Choice of Resorts Diverse

by DAVID H. ROWAN, Associate Publisher



Kleine Scheidegg, shadowed by Switzerland's Jungfrau, offers a variety of runs dropping 6,000 vertical feet

OVERHEARD at Idlewild International Airport—veteran porter giving new hand the low-down on his job: "Yessuh, hundreds of 'em; crazier than a bunch of turkeys on the day before

Thanksgiving . . . noisier too. Laughing, singing, accordions playing, a couple with them big coon coats—man, they're wild. Must be to go all the way 'cross the Atlantic just to ski."

This winter the above scene will be enacted more often than ever before. The airlines are offering a huge variety of package tours. Some are luxurious, some are modest; some are long, some short; some stick strictly to skiing, some drop in on Paris or Rome; some are conducted by well-known ski personalities, some are independent. There is something for everyone. One winter sports-minded airline is even giving the skaters and curlers tours of their own.

How to choose? Well, ask the man who has been there. He will, of course, know the names of guides you must engage, his favorite restaurants you mustn't miss, and *bauernstube* which are lousy with *gemütlichkeit* (don't try dropping this sort of stuff until you get back). But your experienced friends can give you some good tips. The airlines have a lot of useful information, and the Tourist Offices of the Alpine countries are glad to supply you with mountains of literature. There are several travel agencies which specialize in the ski business, and they can save you much time and money. I dropped in the other day on one of the city's travel bureaus and was lucky enough to sit in on a discussion that a ski-tour-expert was having with a prospect.

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SCHEDULE OF CONDUCTED TOURS

Dates	Airline	Leader	Destination	Price
Dec. 18-Jan. 2	BOAC	George Tobias	Austria	\$ 646
Dec. 19-Jan. 3	KLM	Prof. Leon G. Kranz	Austria	595
Dec. 19-Jan. 3	KLM	George Wolf	Austria-Switz.	735
Jan. 9-Jan. 23	Swissair	F. Wallace Taber	Switzerland	975
Jan. 23-Feb. 6	Swissair	F. Wallace Taber	Switzerland	975
Jan. 31-Feb. 15	KLM	Dick Milstein	Austria-Switz.	690
Feb. 5-Feb. 27	Swissair	Hubert Pirquet	Aus.-Switz.-Italy	868
Feb. 5-Feb. 22	KLM	Ernest Strasser	Italy	660
Feb. 19-Mar. 6	KLM	Ernest Strasser	Italy	628
Feb. 12-Mar. 8	KLM	John Jay	Austria-Switz.	890
Feb. 12-Feb. 28	Panam	Dorcas B. Fitzgerald	Switzerland	711
Feb. 27-Mar. 21	KLM	Herbert Schwarz	Austria-Switz.	1098*
Feb. 27-Mar. 20	Swissair	Ethel Van Degriфт	Switzerland	785
Feb. 27-Mar. 13	SAS	Warren Miller	Austria-Switz.	715
Feb. 27-Mar. 20	SAS	Warren Miller	Austria-Switz.	753
Feb. 27-Mar. 27	SAS	Warren Miller	Austria-Switz.	791
Mar. 4-Mar. 19	Panam	To be announced	Austria	685
Mar. 6-Mar. 22	KLM	Frank Scofield	Austria-Switz.	735
Mar. 6-Mar. 22	KLM	Peter Pringsheim	Austria-Switz.	745
Mar. 10-Mar. 31	Swissair	Paul and Paula Valar	Austria-Switz.	735.60
Mar. 17-Mar. 31	Swissair	Paul and Paula Valar	Switzerland	660.60
Mar. 14-Mar. 28	Swissair	Hannes Schmid	Switzerland	730
Mar. 27-Apr. 15	Swissair	Walter Prager	Switzerland	850

*Price includes round trip ticket New York-Los Angeles.

The above schedule is subject to change. For further information on any of these tours, or independent travel to Europe, contact SKI Magazine, Hanover, N. H.

SKI fashion this year is High Fashion. The exclusiveness of style and the elegance of extreme simplicity are no longer the monopoly of the high-priced designers, but pervade the entire field of ski fashion.



Fashion goes high



- *The time has come when skiers can appear as fashion plates—and still have something left over to buy a lift ticket.*
- *New colors—bright, light, sunny—add new lift to new styles. Even among the formerly funereal men's parkas, the lighter colors are winning out. Quilted parkas are continuing to gain in favor.*
- *High style requires fabrics that tailor easily. Fine poplins have made a come back. Hard-to-work, one-hundred per cent nylon is being combined increasingly with other fibers to create materials of greater body and character. Admixtures of synthetics and the introduction of new elastic fabrics add better fit and longer life to ski pants.*

TOP: MEN'S "STEIN" AND LADIES' "ZEBRA" BY WILLY BOGNER
LEFT: LIFT COAT FROM SIG BUCHMAYR
OPPOSITE: "ADAMELLO" PARKA, PANTS AND CAP BY BOGNER

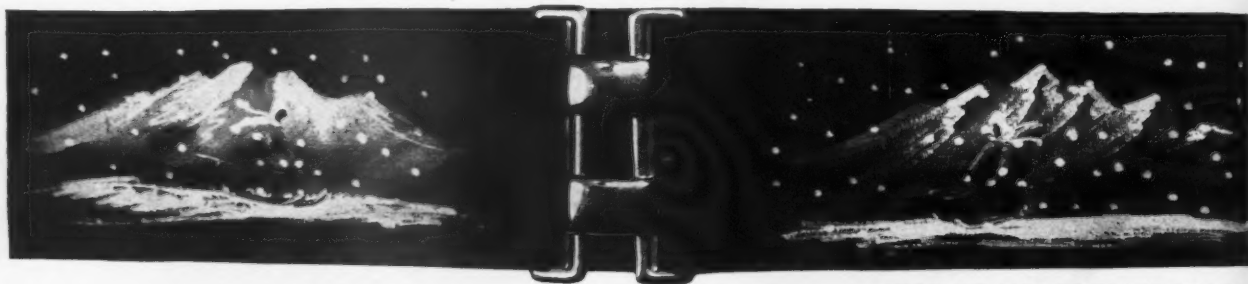




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IT'S A CINCH

The triple silhouette is making news this season. Parkas can be worn "Sloppy Joe" style; tucked in, trim and neat, or outside and belted, cinched tight with any of the new leather or elasticized belts. Your choice will always be right.



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LEFT: "SNOW-SCAPE" BY WHITE STAG

RIGHT: "JUNGFRAU" BY BENEDIKTER





"DAVOS" FROM NORSE HOUSE

RIBS AND RAGLANS

Sweaters abound, but patterned cardigans and heavy rib-knits are in the limelight, most of them imported from Norway, Sweden, France, Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Ribbed patterns run both vertically and horizontally, the latter with their roomy raglan sleeves bidding high for popularity.



ABOVE: NORWEGIAN CARDIGAN FROM ANDRE
RIGHT: "PARALELLO" FROM PORATH & MAGNEHEIM



Buyer's Guide To Ski Bindings

A ski binding constitutes the vital link between boot and ski, and the variety of types and styles is as great as the theory behind its use. The Kandahar cable type is probably still the most widely used, but release bindings, designed to enable one to come free from a ski in a bad spill, have grown rapidly in popularity. The following table gives information supplied by manufacturers of both types. The sketches below are presented to enable the reader to identify the various release bindings.

Manufacturer	Name of Model	Retail Price	Non-Release Bindings					Release Bindings				
			Type of Spring: Heel (H), Parallel (P) Compression (C), Counter-action (A) No Spring (N)	Double Front Spring (D) Triple Front Spring (T)	Are Toe Irons with Lugs (L) Toe Straps (T)	Toe Irons Adjusted with Precision Type Cams (C), Cover Plate Screws (S) How Many?	Cable (C), No Cable (NC) Heel Cable Only (H)	Points of Release: Lateral (L) Vertical (V), at Toe (T), at Heel (H)	Type of Spring: Parallel (P), Counter- action (A), Heel (H), Compression (C)	Position of Spring: Front (F) Back (B), Side (S)	Is the Front Spring Single (S), Double (D) Compression (C), Counter-action (A)	Forward Throw (F), Side Throw (S)
Anderson & Thompson	D-7X	\$ 9.95					C	LT	P	F	D	F
"	D-7	10.50					C	LT	P	F	D	F
"	Tempo	9.95	P		L	C						
"	Streamliner	8.50	P	D	L	S4						
"	Standard	5.95	H	D	L	S4						
"	Step-Lok	10.50					NC					
Belding Products	Proportional Pull	6.50	N									
Cubco	Cubco	13.00					NC	LVTH	C			
Dartmouth Skis, Inc.	Junior	2.95										
"	Precision	9.50	HP		LT	CS5						
"	Safety	7.95					C	LVT		B		F
"	Parallel	7.50	P		L	S6						
Eckel	Comet	5.95	PC									
Ess	Oslo	11.95	P	T	L	S3						
"	Safety	15.95										
Geze	Combi	11.95	P		L	S4	C			F		F
G.H.N. Mfg. Co.	De Luxe	12.50					H	TH		F	SC	
"	Standard	7.50					H	LVT		F	SC	
Goodman Ski Craft	Meteor	10.95	C				C	LVTH	H	B		S
"	Goodman	7.95	C				C	VH	H	B		S
"	Rocket	13.95	C				C	LVTH	H	B		S
"	Jet Line	14.50	C				C	LVTH	P	F	D	S
Marker	Automatic	13.50*	C				C	LVT		F	DA	F
Merrill Engineering	Aspen Safety	13.50			L	S	NC	LVH	A			
"	"	10.50			L	S	C	LVH	A	S		S
"	"	10.00			L	S	NC	LVH	A			
Miller Ski Co.	Hanson	10.75					NC	LVTH	H			
Ski Free Co.	Ski Free	4.50*					C	LVT				
U. S. Distributors	U. S. Star	12.50					H	LVTH	H	B		F

A



B



C



D



A. GOODMAN JET LINE
B. SKI FREE
C. DARTMOUTH SAFETY
D. MARKER AUTOMATIC

E



F



G



E. CUBCO
F. HANSON
G. A & T STEP LOK

H



I



J



K



H. G.H.N. DE LUXE
I. ASPEN SAFETY
J. U.S. STAR
K. ESS SAFETY

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by JOHN HOLDEN

THE bite is on for the FIS team fund. Do you willingly pay up, knowing that you get more than your money's worth out of it? Or do you have a hunch somewhere down inside that you are just contributing an extra inch to the head sizes of already over-inflated athletes? The record shows that our teams have more than paid it back year after year to the recreational skier as well as the racer.

To prove this I want first to explain a little about competition in general. Sports cease to grow when participants can't find ever more challenging competition. The keener it is at the top the more exciting it is all the way along the line. A young racer or jumper who is sent up to a bigger meet by his club often comes back defeated, but with enough pointers for his teammates to improve the whole level of skiing in the area. Because of less four-event emphasis, teams from Old Forge and Lake Placid in New York have been far down the list in Eastern Interscholastics, but what they have learned in these meets has been passed down to younger brothers and friends who will make a far better showing in the future.

Three years ago the National Junior Championships (for those under eighteen) in downhill and slalom were held on Mount Mansfield at Stowe, Vermont. Seventy-five boys and fourteen girls appeared at the starting line in below zero temperature to prove their ability. They represented thirteen states and one Canadian province. Twenty-eight had travelled over two thousand miles to get there. One had come all the way from Portland, Oregon. No one section of the country took all the honors. The first five boys in the Combined represented Idaho,

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Jan. 1-2	Jumping Tryouts for FIS Team
FEB. 14-21	FIS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN NORDIC EVENTS
Feb. 18	National Combined Cross-Country and Jumping
Feb. 19	National Cross-Country
Feb. 20	National Jumping, Senior and Junior A
Feb. 21	National Jumping, Class A and B
Feb. 27-28	International Jumping and Cross-Country
Feb. 28	National Junior Jumping
FEB. 28-MAR. 7	FIS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN ALPINE EVENTS
March 4-7	National Collegiate Championships
March 6-7	National Junior Downhill and Slalom
March 7	North American Jumping
March 13-14	National Downhill and Slalom
March 20-21	Harriman Cup
March 20-21	National Senior Downhill and Slalom
March 27-28	National Giant Slalom
April 18	National Senior Giant Slalom

Lake Placid, N. Y.
 Falun, Sweden
 Ishpeming, Michigan
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 Berlin, N. H.
 Duluth, Minnesota
 Are, Sweden
 Reno, Nevada
 Jackson, Wyoming
 Portland, Oregon
 Aspen, Colorado
 Sun Valley, Idaho
 Franconia, N. H.
 Reno, Nevada
 Mt. Baldy, California

EAST

DATE	EVENT	CLUB	LOCATION
Dec. 12	Metropolitan Jump	Bear Mt. S.A.	Bear Mt.
Dec. 12-13	Cross-Country and Giant Slalom	Franconia S.C.	Franconia
Dec. 13	Torger Tolle Memorial Jump	Bear Mt. S.A.	Bear Mt.
Jan. 1	New Year's Day Jump	Sno Birds	Lake Placid
Jan. 2-3	Intercollegiate 4-Event Meet	Lyndon O.C.	Lyndonville
Jan. 3	Cross-Country	Morin Heights S.C.	Morin Heights
Jan. 9	Swedish S.C. Jump	Swedish S.C.	Bear Mt.
Jan. 9	7th Annual Louise Orvis Trophy	Bromley S.C.	Bromley
Jan. 9	New York State X-Country Champs.	Paul Smith's O.C.	Paul Smith's
Jan. 9	R.I. Championships	R.I. Ski Runners	Diamond Hill
Jan. 10	H.B. Nelson and Roosevelt Trophy	Norway S.C.	Bear Mt.
Jan. 10	Annual Sugarloaf Schuss	Sugarloaf Mt. S.C.	Kingfield
Jan. 10	Mad River Glen Men's Class C	Mad River S.C.	Waitsfield
Jan. 10	Giant Slalom		
Jan. 10	Annual Cross-Country	Jackson S.C.	Jackson
Jan. 10	Slalom	Ste. Agathe S.C.	Mt. Kingstons
Jan. 10	Southern New England Jump	Bolton S.C.	Bolton
Jan. 10	Giant Slalom	St. Sauveur S.C.	St. Sauveur
Jan. 10	Cross-Country Relay	Dartmouth O.C.	Hanover
Jan. 16	Bear Mt. Jump	Bear Mt. S.A.	Bear Mt.
Jan. 16-17	Vic Constant Memorial	Mt. Mansfield S.C.	Mt. Mansfield
Jan. 16-17	USEASA Senior Men's Downhill	Bromley S.C.	Bromley
Jan. 16-17	Slalom and Combined Championships		
Jan. 16-17	Amherst Winter Sports Day	Amherst O.C.	Amherst
Jan. 16-17	X-Country Relay, Invitation Jump	Dartmouth O.C.	Hanover
Jan. 17	Giant Slalom	Floresburg S.C.	Intervale
Jan. 17	Harold B. Doerr Memorial Jump	Norwalk S.C.	Bear Mt.
Jan. 17	Junior and Senior Ski Jump	Red Birds	St. Sauveur
Jan. 17	Invitation Jump	Dartmouth O.C.	Hanover
Jan. 23	N.Y.-N.J. Council Slalom	Watchung Amateur	Belleayre
Jan. 23	Junior Interscholastic Giant Slalom	Bromley S.C.	Bromley
Jan. 23-24	USEASA Junior Nordic Championships	Salisbury W.S.C.	Salisbury
Jan. 23-24	Slalom Derby	Pico S.C.	Woodstock & Pico Peak
Jan. 23-24	Laurentian Slalom Championships	Nordic S.C.	St. Sauveur
Jan. 24	USEASA Men's Giant Slalom	Franconia S.C.	Franconia
Jan. 24	Class B Championships		
Jan. 24	New York State Downhill-Slalom Championships	Paul Smith's O.C.	Paul Smith's
Jan. 24	Giant Slalom	Lynn Snow Chasers	Undetermined
Jan. 24	Invitation Jump	Koelewe S.C.	Greenfield
Jan. 24	Invitation Jump	Norwalk S.C.	Bear Mt.
Jan. 24	Conn. Junior Alpine Championships	Hartford S.C.	Mohawk
Jan. 29-30	Berkshire 4-Event Meet	Mt. Greylock S.C.	Pittsfield
Jan. 30	Women's Ski Assoc. of N.Y.	Watchung Amateur S.C.	Belleayre
Jan. 30	Downhill-Slalom		
Jan. 30	USEASA Relay Championships	Lebanon O.C.	Lebanon
Jan. 30-31	New York State Nordic Combined	St. Lawrence O.C.	S. Colton
Jan. 31	Invitation Jump	St. Lawrence O.C.	S. Colton
Jan. 31	N.H. Jumping Championships	Lebanon O.C.	Lebanon
Jan. 31	N.H. Class C Downhill, Slalom	Newport O.C.	
Jan. 31	Championships		
Jan. 31	Connecticut Men's Downhill, Slalom	Mt. Laurel Skiers	Mt. Greylock
Jan. 31	N.J. State Junior Nordic Championships	Odin S.C.	Lake Telemark
Jan. 31	Junior Giant Slalom	Gilford O.C.	Gilford
Jan. 31	Taschereau Downhill	St. Jovite S.C.	Mt. Tremblant
Feb. 5-6	Dartmouth Carnival	Dartmouth O.C.	Hanover
Feb. 6	Berkshire Slalom	Otis Ridge S.C.	Otis Ridge
Feb. 6	N.J. Council Interclub Slalom	Montclair S.C.	Pico Peak
Feb. 6	Asa Osborn Trophy Giant Slalom	Bromley S.C.	Bromley
Feb. 6	Mass. Junior Alpine Championships	Eaglebrook S.C.	Deerfield
Feb. 6-7	Maine Nordic Championships	Chisholm S.C.	Rumford
Feb. 6-7	Mass. Nordic Championships	Scandinavian S.C.	Leicester
Feb. 6-7	USEASA Junior Alpine Championships	Mad River Glen S.C.	Waitsfield
Feb. 6-7	EISA Championships	Harvard S.C.	Lyndonville
Feb. 6-7	St. Lawrence Nordic and Slalom	St. Lawrence O.C.	S. Colton
Feb. 7	Ryan Cup Giant Slalom	Mt. Tremblant S.C.	Mt. Tremblant
Feb. 7	Cross-Country		
Feb. 7	Gibson Memorial Trophy	E.S.S.C.	Morin Heights
Feb. 7	Flak Trophy	Woodstock S.R.	North Conway
Feb. 7	N.H. Lakes Region Jump	Winnepesaukee S.C.	Woodstock
Feb. 7	N.Y. State Jump Championships	Telam S.C.	Gilford
Feb. 12	N.Y. State Junior Nordic Championships	Bear Mt. S.A.	Bear Mt.
Feb. 12-13	Kate Smith Trophy for Women	Sno Birds	Lake Placid

EAST (Continued)

DATE	EVENT	CLUB	LOCATION
Feb. 12-13	EISA Canadian Championships	Laval	Quebec City
Feb. 12-13	Norwich Carnival	Norwich O.C.	Norfield
Feb. 12-13	Colby Carnival		
Feb. 12-13	Lake Placid H.S. Carnival	Lake Placid S.C.	Lake Placid
Feb. 13	Berkshire Junior Slalom	Otis Ridge S.C.	Otis Ridge
Feb. 13	Prospectors Giant Slalom	Pleasant Mt. S.C.	Bridgton
Feb. 13	Inter-Village Junior Races	Ste. Agathe S.C.	Ste. Agathe
Feb. 13-14	Williams Carnival	Williams O.C.	Williamstown
Feb. 13-14	USEASA Nordic Championships	Salisbury W.S.A.	Salisbury
Feb. 13-14	Ladies International Team Races	J.B. Club	Ste. Marguerite
Feb. 14	N.Y. State Slalom Championships	Saranac Lake S.C.	Saranac Lake
Feb. 14	Giant Slalom	Melrose H.H.	Jackson
Feb. 18-20	Middlebury Carnival	Middlebury O.C.	Middlebury
Feb. 18-20	McGill Carnival	Red Birds	Montreal-St. Sauveur
Feb. 19-20	N.E. Interscholastic	Lyndon O.C.	Lyndonville
Feb. 19-20	Maine Carnival	Maine O.C.	Orono
Feb. 19-20	Paul Smith's Carnival	Paul Smith O.C.	Paul Smith's
Feb. 20	Belleayre Cup	Belleayre S.C.	Belleayre
Feb. 20	30 KM Relay	Morin Heights S.C.	Morin Heights
Feb. 20-22	Penn. State Alpine Championships	Laurel Mt. S.C.	Ligonier
Feb. 20-22	Penn. State X-Country Championships	Laurel Mt. S.C.	Ligonier
Feb. 21	Chalet Cochand Jump	Ste. Marguerite S.C.	Ste. Marguerite
Feb. 21	Hochfeger Trophy Slalom	Hochfeger S.C.	Gilford
Feb. 21	Brattleboro Jump	Brattleboro O.C.	Brattleboro
Feb. 21	Belleayre Junior Giant Slalom	Belleayre S.C.	Belleayre
Feb. 22	33rd Annual Lake Placid Club Jump	Sno Birds	Lake Placid
Feb. 22	Brad Mead Memorial Giant Slalom	Pico S.C.	Pico Peak
Feb. 26-27	St. Lawrence Carnival	St. Lawrence O.C.	S. Colton
Feb. 26-27	USEASA Interscholastic Team Championships	Gould Academy	Bethel
Feb. 26-27	USEASA Prep School Championships	Norwich O.C.	Northfield
Feb. 27-28	Kandahar Downhill and Slalom	Mt. Tremblant S.C.	Mt. Tremblant
Feb. 27-28	New York City Interclub Races	German S.C.	Belleayre
Feb. 27-28	Metropolitan Jumping Jamboree	Bear Mt. W.S.A.	Bear Mt.
Feb. 28	Whiteface Mt. Inferno	Wilmington S.C.	Wilmington
Feb. 28	Mass. Class C Downhill Championships	Edelweiss S.C.	Mt. Grace
Feb. 28	Harvard-Bromley Intercollegiate Slalom	Harvard S.C.	Bromley
Feb. 28	Chalet Cochand Slalom	Ste. Marguerite S.C.	Chalet Cochand
Mar. 6	Mass. Junior Nordic Championships	Deerfield S.C.	Greenfield
Mar. 6	Team Slalom	Mont Gabriel S.C.	Mont Gabriel
Mar. 6-7	EISA Senior Championships	Vermont S.C.	Lyndonville
Mar. 6-7	Hochgebirge Races	S.C. Hochgebirge	Franconia
Mar. 6-7	Mad River Glen Family Races	Mad River S.C.	Waitsfield
Mar. 7	Laurentian Downhill Championships	CASA	Mt. Baldy
Mar. 7	USEASA Senior Men's Giant Slalom	Mad River S.C.	Waitsfield
Mar. 7	Championships		
Mar. 7	Mackenzie Trophy Race	Lake Placid S.C.	Whiteface
Mar. 7	Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Giant Slalom	Newport S.C.	Mt. Sunapee
Mar. 7	Annual Catskill Downhill	Belleayre S.C.	Belleayre
Mar. 12-14	Intercollegiate 4-Event Team Meet	Franconia S.C.	Franconia
Mar. 13	USEASA 30 KM X-Country Championships	Pineland O.C.	Andover
Mar. 13	Midget Race	Chalet Cochand	Chalet Cochand
Mar. 13-14	Pineland O.C.	Pineland O.C.	Andover
Mar. 14	USEASA Men's and Women's Giant Slalom Championships	Mt. Mansfield S.C.	Stowe
Mar. 14	Pico Derby	Pico S.C.	Pico Peak
Mar. 14	Cranmore Class C Race	ESSC	North Conway
Mar. 14	CSIA Giant Slalom	CSIA	Mont Tremblant
Mar. 20-21	USEASA Women's Alpine Championships	White Mt. S.R.	Pinkham
Mar. 20-21	Webber Cup & Willis Plate Downhill	White Mt. S.R.	North Conway
Mar. 20-21	Widener Memorial	Black & Blue T.S.	Inkham Notch
Mar. 24	Intercollegiate Giant Slalom	Mad River S.C.	Waitsfield
Mar. 27-28	USEASA Downhill, Slalom and Combined Championships	Franconia S.C.	Franconia
Mar. 28	Sap Run Slalom	Jackson S.C.	Jackson
Mar. 28	Sugar Derby Masquerade	Chalet Cochand	Ste. Marguerite
April 4	Sugarloaf Mt. Giant Slalom	Sugarloaf S.C.	Kingfield
April 4	Giant Slalom	Lynn Snowchasers	Franconia
April 5	Harvard-Yale Slalom	Harvard-Yale	Mt. Washington
April 17-18	Harvard-Dartmouth Slalom	Dartmouth O.C.	Washington
April 24-25	Annual Sugar Slalom	Mt. Mansfield S.C.	Stowe
July 4	Ski Jump	Lake Placid S.C.	Lake Placid

SCHEDULE OF COMPETITIONS

A record number of competitive events in downhill, slalom, cross-country and jumping is planned for the coming season in all sections of the United States and Canada. This schedule is, of course, subject to change because of adverse weather or for other reasons, but is complete at the time of going to press. Thanks are due the secretaries of the divisional associations for making this schedule possible.

FAR WEST

DATE	EVENT	CLUB	LOCATION
Dec. 19-29	Mammoth Mountain Junior Championships	Mammoth Mt. S.C.	Mammoth Mt.
Jan. 9	Big Bear Carnival Cup	Big Bear W.C.	Snow Summit
Jan. 10	Annual San Geronio Jr. Inv. Slalom	San Geronio S.C.	Kratka Ridge
Jan. 10	Thunder Mountain Giant Slalom	Mt. Baldy S.C.	Mt. Baldy
Jan. 10	5th Annual Birthday Slalom	Squaw Valley S.C.	Squaw Valley
Jan. 16-17	Sou. California Nordic Combined Championships	S.C. Alpine	Snow Valley
Jan. 17	Dodge Ridge Junior Championships	Dodge Ridge S.C.	Dodge Ridge
Jan. 23-24	Big Bear Junior Carnival	Big Bear W.C.	Snow Summit & Lynn Chair Lift
Jan. 23-24	Diet. No. 5 Downhill-Slalom Championships	Peninsula S.C.	Donner Ski Ranch
Jan. 31	Annual Holiday Hill Downhill	Holiday Hill S.C.	Holiday Hill
Jan. 31	Downhill Only Club of Wengen	Sugar Bowl S.C.	Sugar Bowl (Mt. D. ney)
Feb. 6-7	Annual Dick Springer Memorial	S.C. Alpine	Kratka Ridge
Feb. 11-13	2nd Annual Dodge Ridge Invitational Intercollegiate Championships	Dodge Ridge S.C.	Dodge Ridge
Feb. 13	Green Valley Snow Cup	Green Valley Lake S.C.	Green Valley Lake
Feb. 14	Annual Giant Slalom	Mt. Baldy S.C.	Mt. Baldy
Feb. 19-21	15th Annual U. Nevada Winter Carnival	U. Nevada	Slide Mt. & Mt. Rose
Feb. 21	Christiana Giant Slalom	Christiana S.C.	Mt. Baldy
Feb. 27-28	Dival. Junior Giant Slalom Championships	The Redhornets	The Edelweiss
Feb. 28	1st Annual Giant Slalom	S.C. Avalanche	Holiday Hill
Mar. 7	Annual Berg & Tal Giant Slalom	Berg & Tal S.C.	Snow Valley
Mar. TBA	Tresider Memorial Cup Invitational	Yosemite W.C.	Yosemite (Badger Pass)
Mar. 13-14	Divisional Downhill-Slalom Championships	Dodge Ridge S.C.	Dodge Ridge
Mar. 14	Lowell Thomas Trophy Race	Mt. Baldy S.C.	Mt. Baldy
Mar. 21	Annual San Geronio Southern California Team Matches	San Geronio S.C.	Mt. Baldy
Mar. 21	Annual Berg & Tal Junior Giant Slalom	Berg & Tal S.C.	Snow Valley
April 11	Annual Mt. San Geronio Downhill	S.C. Alpine	Mt. San Geronio
April 17	Sugar Bowl Junior Championships	Sugar Bowl S.C.	Sugar Bowl (Mt. Disney)
April 18	Emile Allain Cup	Mt. Baldy S.C.	Mt. Baldy
April 18	Alexander McFadden Memorial	Squaw Valley S.C.	Squaw Valley
April 18	Walt Disney Trophy	Sugar Bowl S.C.	Sugar Bowl (Mt. Disney)
April TBA	Divisional Junior Downhill-Slalom Championships & Nat'l Jumping	Yosemite W.C.	Yosemite (Badger Pass)
April 25	Sugar Bowl	Sugar Bowl S.C.	Sugar Bowl
May 30	6th Annual Summer Meet	Stockton S.C.	Sonoma Pass
July 4	5th Annual Mid-Summer Derby	Squaw Valley S.C.	Squaw Valley

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Dec. 20	Arnold Lunn Downhill	Schnee Vogeli S.C.	Mt. Hood
Jan. 2-3	Portland Day Trail Race	Schnee Vogeli S.C.	Mt. Hood
Jan. 7	Hoodo Trail Race	Tri-Pass S.C.	Santiam Pass
Jan. 8-10	Roseland Intercollegiate International Invitational 4 events.	Blue Mt. S.C.	Spout Springs
Jan. 9-10	Walker Cup Junior Races	Cascade S.C.	Mt. Hood
Jan. 17	Junior Standard Jumps #1	Penguin S.C.	Stevens Pass
Jan. 17	Stevens Standard #1	Wenatchee S.C.	Squilchuk
Jan. 17	Jumping	Sun Valley S.C.	Sun Valley
Jan. 23-24	Downhill, Slalom, B.C.	Schnee Vogeli S.C.	Mt. Hood
Jan. 24	Giant Slalom Standard	Pilchuck S.C.	Everett
Jan. 24	Sno Fair Jumping	4 events.	
Jan. 30-31	Wenatchee Junior College Invitation	Davos Dusters	Bogus Basin
Jan. 30-31	Cranston Cup	Cascade S.C.	Mt. Hood
Jan. 31	Standard Junior Jumps #2	Forelauffer S.C.	Stevens Pass
Jan. 3	Downhill	Washington State College.	
Feb. 6-7	Northern Division Championships, Slalom Standard #2	Schnee Vogeli S.C.	Mt. Hood
Feb. 7	Stevens Giant Slalom	Husky W.C.	Stevens Pass
Feb. 7	Giant Slalom	Tri-Pass S.C.	Santiam Pass
Feb. 14	Standard Jumps #3, Juniors	Cascade S.C.	Mt. Hood
Feb. 14	Jr. Giant Slalom	Roseburg J.C.C.	Santiam Pass
Feb. 20-21	Whitman College Invitational	Penguin S.C.	Stevens Pass
Feb. 21	Annual Invitation Giant Slalom	Sun Valley S.C.	Sun Valley
Feb. 21	Sun Valley S.C. Championships	Idaho S.C.	Wallace
Feb. 27-28	Junior 4-Way	Penguin S.C.	Stevens Pass
Feb. 28	Stevens Standard #2	Davos Dusters	Bogus Basin
Mar. 6-7	Junior Alpine Championships	Schnee Vogeli S.C.	Mt. Hood
Mar. 6-7	Northwest Intercollegiate Championships	Forelauffer S.C.	Stevens Pass
Mar. 7	Standard #3, Slalom	Schnee Vogeli S.C.	Mt. Hood
Mar. 7	Giant Slalom	Forelauffer S.C.	Stevens Pass
Mar. 13-14	PNSA Downhill, Slalom Championships	Assoc. Women Club	Mt. Hood
Mar. 13-14	Junior Giant Slalom, X-Country and Jump Championships	Blue Mt. S.C.	Spout Springs
Mar. 14	PNSA Jump Championships	Seattle S.C.	Beaver Lake
Mar. 14	Stevens Standard #3	Idaho S.C.	Stevens Pass
Mar. 21	Giant Slalom	Wallace	Wallace
Mar. 21	PNSA Toboggan Championships	Mt. Hood Patrol	Mt. Hood
Mar. 21	Standard #4	Schnee Vogeli S.C.	Mt. Hood
April 3-4	American Legion Junior Championships	Sun Valley S.C.	Sun Valley
April 11	Stevens Standard #4	Penguin S.C.	Stevens Pass
April 18	PNSA Giant Slalom Championships and Golden Poles	Portland Jr. C. of C.	Mt. Hood
April 18	Senior Men Giant Slalom	Everett S.C.	Stevens Pass
April 23	Giant Slalom	Husky W.C.	Stevens Pass
May TBA	Invitation Jump	Spokane S.C.	Spokane
June 12	Golden Rose Class A Open	Cascade S.C.	Mt. Hood
	TBA — To Be Announced		

SOUTHERN ROCKY MOUNTAIN

DATE	EVENT	CLUB	LOCATION
Dec. 19-20	Collegiate Invitational Classification Race	Univ. of Denver	Aspen, Col.
Dec. 20	New Years Day Jump — A, B, B1, C Jr. 1 & 2	Jr. Zipfelbergers Pioneer S.C.	Berthoud Pass, Col.
Jan. 3	4 x 7 Kilometer Relay Race	Univ. of Denver Pioneer S.C.	Genesee, Col.
Jan. 10	Classification Race	Univ. of Denver Arapahoe Basin S.C.	Arapahoe Basin, Col.
Jan. 10	Junior Giant Slalom	Continental S.C.	Climax, Col.
Jan. 16-17	U. of C. Invitational	Glenwood Springs S.C.	Glenwood Springs, Col.
Jan. 16-17	Junior Cross Country	U. of C. — Wyoming	Steamboat Springs, Col.
Jan. 24	Junior Jumping Championships	Zipfelberger S.C.	Winter Park, Col.
Jan. 24	Giant Slalom Class C	Rocky Mtn. S.C.	Arapahoe, Col.
Jan. 30-31	Jr. Team Race	Terry Peak S.C.	Terry Peak, S. Dakota
Jan. 30-31	Junior Downhill, Slalom	Tryon S.C.	Winter Park, Col.
Jan. 30-31	Invitation Meet	Aspen S.C.	Aspen, Col.
Feb. 6-7	Western State — Colorado Invitational	Univ. of Denver WSC - CC	Winter Park, Col.
Feb. 6	Junior Giant Slalom Championships	Matowakan S.C.	Winter Park, Col.
Feb. 13-14	Divisional Jumping Championships	Steamboat Springs W.S.C.	Steamboat Springs, Col.
Feb. 20-21	Junior Divisionals	Zipfelberger S.C.	Winter Park, Col.
Feb. 27-28	Regional Intercollegiate	Utah Aggies	Utah
Feb. 27-28	SRMSA Alpine Championships	Matowakan S.C.	Winter Park, Col.
Mar. 7	A, B and Open Giant Slalom	Glenwood Springs S.C.	Glenwood Springs, Col.
Mar. 7	Junior Giant Slalom	Estlin S.C.	Winter Park, Col.
Mar. 7	Class C D/S Championships	Buff S.C.	Arapahoe Basin, Col.
Mar. 12-14	Reich Cup	Aspen S.C.	Aspen, Col.
Mar. 14	Class C Giant Slalom Championships	Christi S.C.	Winter Park, Col.
Mar. 14	Senior Giant Slalom Championships	Santa Fe W.S.C.	Santa Fe, N. Mex.
Mar. 14	Junior Jumping Meet	Eates Park W.S.C.	Eates Park, Col.
Mar. 20-21	Lions Club Team Race	Steamboat Springs W.S.C.	Steamboat Springs, Col.
Mar. 20	Matowakan Challenge Cup	Matowakan S.C.	Winter Park, Col.
Mar. 21	Zipfelberger Team Race	Zipfelberger S.C.	Winter Park, Col.
Mar. 27	Dartmouth Cup	Mile High School S.A.	Arapahoe Basin, Col.
Mar. 28	Junior Giant Slalom	Continental S.C.	Climax, Col.
April 4	Giant Slalom — all A, B, C	Continental S.C.	Climax, Col.
April 10-11	E/S Race Mile High School S.A.	MHSA	Arapahoe Basin, Col.
April 18	Team Race	Colorado Ski Runners	Berthoud, Col.
April 25	Giant Slalom	Hidden Valley W.S.C.	Hidden Valley, Col.
May 1	May Day Slalom	East Winner	Arapahoe Basin, Col.

CENTRAL

Jan. 3	Jumping	Blackhawk S.C.	Middleton, Wis.
Jan. 10	Jumping	Beloit S.C.	Beloit, Wis.
Jan. 17	Jumping	Norge S.C.	Carey, Ill.
Jan. 17	Jumping	Wood S.C.	Milwaukee
Jan. 17	Jumping	Fergus S.C.	Fergus Falls, Minn.
Jan. 23-24	Four Events	Snowflake S.C.	Westby, Wis.
Jan. 31	Jumping	Racine S.C.	Burlington, Wis.
Jan. 31	Central Jump Championships	St. Paul S.C.	St. Paul, Minn.
Feb. 7	Jumping	Oconomowoc S.C.	Oconomowoc, Wis.
Feb. 7	Jumping	Briar Hill S.C.	Medick, Mich.
Feb. 7	Jumping	Duluth S.C.	Duluth, Minn.
Feb. 7	4-Man Downhill, Slalom	Wassau S.C.	Wassau, Wis.
Feb. 13-14	Senior Four Events	Caberfae S.C.	Caberfae, Wis.
Feb. 14	Jumping	Gogebic Range S.C.	Ironwood, Mich.
Feb. 14	Jumping	Plymouth S.C.	Plymouth, Wis.
Feb. 14	Downhill, Slalom	Sawtooth Mt. S.C.	Grand Marais, Minn.
Feb. 20-21	Intercollegiate Nordic Combined Championships and 4-Events	Wisconsin Hoofers	Madison, Wis.
Feb. 20-21	Central Downhill, Slalom Championships	Duluth Slalom Club	Duluth, Minn.
Feb. 21	Jumping	Wisconsin Hoofers	Madison, Wis.
Feb. 21	Central Junior Jump Championships	Norge S.C.	Carey, Ill.
Feb. 27-28	Jumping	Kivania S.C.	Iron Mt., Mich.
Feb. 28	Central Junior Downhill, Slalom Championships	Michigan Tech S.C.	Houghton, Mich.

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Jan. 23-24	Invitation Downhill and Slalom		Helena, Mont.
Jan. 30-31	Invitation Jump		Elkhorn, Mont.
Feb. 20-21	NRMSA Downhill, Slalom Championships		Ennis, Mont.
Feb. 27-28	NRMSA Jump Championships		Anaconda, Mont.
Mar. 13-14	Doug Smith Memorial		Whitefish, Mont.
Mar. 20-21	NRMSA Giant Slalom Championships		Jackson, Mont.
June 27	Giant Slalom		Billings, Mont.

INTERMOUNTAIN

Dec. 8	Landes Jump	Chamber of Commerce	Alta, Utah
Dec. 26-27	Holiday Slalom	Jackson S.C.	Jackson, Wyo.
Jan. 10-11	Snow Cup Races	Jr. C. of C.	Alta, Utah
Jan. 31	Intmtn. Giant Slalom	Salt Lake S.C.	Brighton, Utah
Feb. 7	Eccles Cup	Snow Basin S.C.	Snow Basin, Utah
Feb. 14	Class B, C Giant Slalom	Wasatch S.C.	Not Chosen
Feb. 14	Intermtn. Jr. Downhill and Slalom	Bear Gulch S.C.	Bear Gulch, Idaho
Feb. 22	Intermtn. Senior Downhill and Slalom	Salt Lake S.C.	Alta, Utah
Mar. 9	Senior Jumping	Brighton S.C.	Brighton, Utah
Mar. 14	Senior Giant Slalom	Brighton S.C.	Brighton, Utah

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It was January of 1946. A cold, hard wind from the Inland Sea of Japan blew through Kitano Alley. Our office was on the second floor of the Goshō Building, or what was left of the Goshō Building. Half of the second floor was gone and the roof was in the basement. You had to be careful where you walked or you wound up on top of what was left of the roof. The sign on our door was bilingual. The top of it was in Japanese and took three lines of weird and wondrous characters, beneath which were three words in English, "U.S. Army Intelligence."

It was Friday night and as usual I had to wait for the weekly reports from the Japanese Prefectural Police. A little clerk by the name of Yashiro Matsumoto brought them over at seven every Friday evening. I didn't mind waiting for him but it was cold and the wind blew fine flakes of snow through the cracks and fissures in the wall. I heard Yashiro coming up the stairs and I opened the door for him. "Hot dahmn," he said, "it is vely cord." With Yashiro an "l" was an "r" and an "r" was an "l". He spoke good English but his association with the Army had colloquialized whatever he had learned in school.

"Yes," I said, "it is very cold."

"Terr me," asked Yash, "is it so cord in the States?"

"Yes, and in some places much colder."

"Ah so," said Yashiro. A Japanese will always say "Ah so" when he can think of nothing else.

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At the far side of the table Karl busily scraped bubbling fondue crust from the bottom of a huge bowl which sat over a lively spiritus flame. Karl, slow-spoken, but quick-witted; plain yet pleasing; modest yet three times the winner of the Swiss Nationals; Silver Medal, Alpine Combined, 1948 Olympics; U.S.A. National Champion, 1947; eleven times in succession winner of the Swiss Lauberhorn race; first, Far-West Kandahar Slalom, 1947; winner, Slalom and Alpine Combined, Grand Prix de la Legion, France; downhill champion, Grand Prix de Paris, Megeve, 1939; etc., etc., ad infinitum.

When five years old, Karl was barred from entering the Wengen's Boys' Ski Championships. "This boy is too good and would spoil the fun," the racing committee said. The skiing boy-wonder philosophically accepted the verdict and the night before the big event tip-toed into his father's store and made off with a handful of tubes of ski wax which he contributed next morning as prizes for the champs he was not permitted to out-ski. Allowed to enter the same competition the following winter, he had a fast start but gave up halfway, with two kinds of tears streaming down his face: those produced by snowspray from the skis of the boy who had started ahead of him, and tears of disappointment and anger at not being able to pass.

Eleven years later, at seventeen, he obtained leave from the Lausanne Commercial School, and appeared in his home town for the Bernese Oberland Junior Championships. The day was spent in training, but his city legs caused a bad spill and a head concussion. The doctor ordered, "No skiing."

At seven o'clock the next morning he slipped out the back door, feeling sick and faint from lack of food. Two hours later, on top of Lauberhorn mountain, impediment was added to injury. Karl drew the starting position for the downhill, having to break track. Two hundred yards below the start his eyesight dimmed. He fell, suffering a short but violent attack of vomiting, then continued in the race to finish

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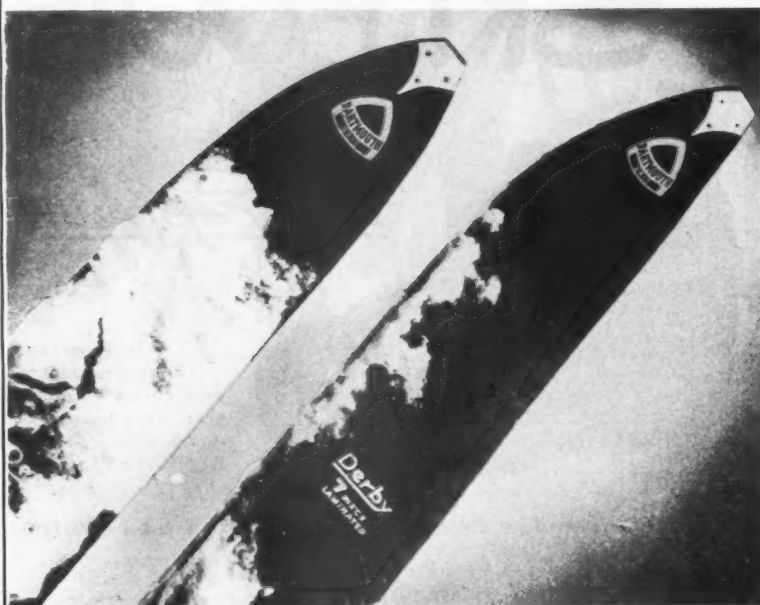
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second, the only time Karl Molitor, one of the greatest skiers of our time, finished second in a Lauberhorn. The same afternoon, protesting, "They especially gave me leave from school. I must race," he entered and won the slalom.

Over a glass of Kirsch, Karl explained the secrets of Molitor ski boot success—reliance upon slower but more thorough hand operation. "I'd rather be on top in the hand-crafted boot field, than above the average of machine-made production." He steadily combs the length and breadth of Switzerland for expert opinion and judgment of all "name" skiers. And, most important, before any design is ever put into production it is thoroughly tested, not only by Karl himself, but by a multitude of his top-ranking skiing pals.

One day, right before a major race, Karl remarked to a competitor friend, "We ought to have hard plaster along the sides of our boots." His search for more lateral support in a ski boot began. Thus, the Molitor trade-mark was invented—the ankle collar.

"I don't know how many manufacturers have tried to copy it, but no one has ever found the secret of our original design," Karl said. He took a prototype pair into the Swiss National Ski Team training camp. His friends took one look and told him he had gone mad. Undeterred, he laced the boots up and "after the first turn, it felt as though my edges were sharper than they ever had been." Body motion was directly transferred to his skis, with no wasted energy. Back in Wengen, his father heartily approved the new design and gave his blessings. The avalanche of popular approval soon followed.

Fate from across the ocean smiled, of all places, inside the dark and long Loetschberg tunnel. Karl was on the train with the U. S. Ski Team bound for the 1946 International Ski Week at Zermatt. Next to him sat that indefatigable taker-of-all-comers, Don Goodman, who, perhaps because they were top-secret items of his racing paraphernalia, chose subterranean night in which to show Karl his Hvam safety bindings. Karl saw enough. Impressed, he wrote to the safety binding pioneer to send a few sets to try out. Hjalmar Hvam wrote back for Molitor ski boots. Both requests were promptly filled, and in the

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The next morning three pairs of Molitor boots waited on top of the Lauberhorn for a heavy fog to clear. The foehn made the snow soggy during the night, but a morning temperature drop had produced thick breakable crust. A ray of sun tore a sudden hole in the frayed clouds; above our heads rose the forbidding north wall of Eiger mountain; far below us were the glistening roofs of the Kleine Scheidegg Hotel; and, for a breath-taking second the sun focussed on the glacial expanses of the queen of them all, Jungfrau mountain.

Then a pair of size nine men's Molitor boots took off in a short traverse, swept nonchalantly into steep turns with crust spraying behind, danced over a row of treacherous bumps and disappeared over the edge of a steilhang. Dainty ladies' size six Molitors followed, omitting the traverse, plunging down-mountain with complete abandon, as though the wet cement under the layer of ice were a polished practice hill. They swung into an elegant dipsy-doodle, skated at top speed toward the right and disappeared in a cloud. Size ten men's Molitors very reluctantly followed along a flat traverse, kick-turned, managed one fifty-yard radius speed turn, kick-turned, traversed, kick-turned and acquired nerve and schussed, lost nerve and stemmed. Down below the three pairs were reunited. Karl and his wife, Antoinette smiled patiently. The moral of this descent was that the Molitors' boots had not made them champions, but it had taken champions like them to make their boots.

COVER PHOTO

Photographer John Engstead of West Hollywood, California took this colorful picture of White Stag fashions. He used a 4 x 5 Speed Graphic, equipped with an 8½ inch Ektar lens. The shot was made with an exposure of 1/10 second at f 18 on Ektachrome Daylight film at two-thirty in the afternoon. Two silver reflectors were used to fill in details in the shadows.

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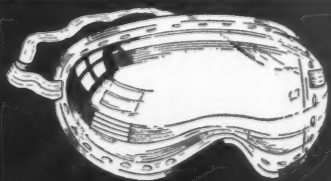
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Racing...

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Oregon, Vermont and two from Colorado. The top girls were from Colorado, Montana and New Hampshire. The effect of this race is still felt in the East. Some of the high point scorers are on today's international squad.

All the participants have a new conception of America because of the friends they made during those two days. The lunches and the banquets, the post-mortems and the bull sessions gave plenty of opportunities for getting new ideas. Tension at the starting line did not hinder this. Even the winners had been skiing that was better than they were capable of doing themselves. All went home humble and anxious to try out the new ideas they had learned, anxious to pass them on to friends who hadn't been in the meet.

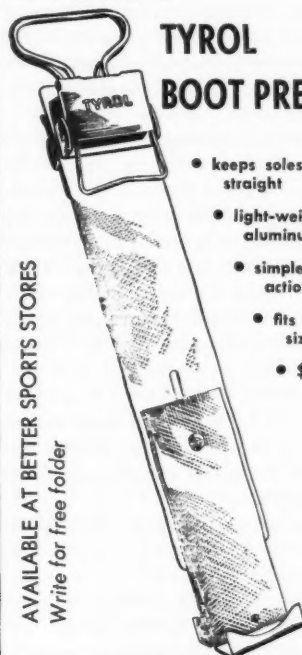
The author, active in organized skiing, is a well-known eastern skier. Formerly a member of Vermont's Putney School faculty, Holden opened his own co-educational school, the Colorado Rocky Mountain School, near Aspen this fall.

Since the beginning of international ski competition, United States representatives have come back from competing with a determination to let everyone at home have the advantage of the knowledge and skill they have learned. John Carleton of Manchester, New Hampshire, on the 1924 Olympic team, has built a twenty-meter ski jump in his back yard and still trains the neighborhood youngsters in this Scandinavian specialty. Charles Procter, on the 1928 team, wrote the first widely read American books on ski technique and went on to become recreational director in Yosemite National Park where he has helped generations of promising California skiers. Ed Blood, on the team in 1932 and 1936, has coached the University of New Hampshire skiers ever since he finished college. Warren Chivers, on the 1936 team, devotes a large part of every winter improving the boys at Vermont Academy, in spite of a heavy load of teaching and administrative duties.

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Wendell Broomhall, another three-time member, is the most dramatic example. In February, 1950, when all the European teams were over here for the World Championships in jumping and cross-country, there was no snow at Lake Placid. Wendy, knowing there was snow in Rumford, Maine, was instrumental in effecting a change in location for the eighteen and fifty kilometer races. He spent so much time in helping to make the change, housing racers, and marking the course that he had no time for practice or even sleep before the race. With two hours of sleep the night before he still made a creditable showing in the eighteen kilometer race. The next year he was beaten in the Olympic tryouts by a young, fellow-townsmen he had trained. He is now chairman of the cross-country committee of the National Ski Association.

The many unnamed hard workers from our National teams should not feel slighted. This is just a sampling of American skiers who have paid back many times what we have spent to send them to represent us in international competition. They have done these things because it is their nature to want others to have as much fun out of skiing as they have enjoyed.

This year's method of team selection is a tremendous improvement over previous years. With a large squad, a training period under the best coaching, and a final selection shortly before the trip across the water, we'll be better represented. And the squad members who don't make the team will be in circulation over here to spread what they have learned. Among those who know competition best, there is a feeling that there is yet another step toward building the best teams to represent us; the divisions of the National Ski

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Racing . . .

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Association should take responsibility for getting their best competitors to the tryouts and not leave it up to clubs and wealthy individuals. Nevertheless, this doesn't detract from the tremendous progress that the sport has derived from past team members.

These races and racers are just as important to the purely recreational skier, who has no desire to be coached in the latest way to defy death and gravity, and just as important for the man who hopes his children will steer clear of all races. The basic techniques of skiing are simplified and improved because of the racing experience. Hannes Schneider was a champion before he developed his Arlberg technique. Emile Allais, too, had a long record of top flight racing before he worked out his system. Steel edges, cable bindings, visors, safety bindings and more functional clothing all came from racing experience and know-how. The most successful wax makers have all been racers themselves. The first ski lifts in America were pushed into existence by racers who wanted to get more runs every day. Alex Bright of Cambridge, Massachusetts, was the leader of the group, and he was on a National team in Europe when he got the idea of putting a lift on New Hampshire's Cannon Mountain. The National Ski Patrol System grew out of a meeting between Roger Langley, then president of the National Ski Association, and Minot Dole of Greenwich, Connecticut. The place was the side of the Nose Dive trail on Mount Mansfield. The time was during the running of the National Championships, March 5, 1938. As they watched the volunteer first aiders police the race course, they began to envision similarly organized groups all over the country watching over racers and recreational skiers. So "Minnie" Dole was made chairman of the new National Ski Patrol Committee of the National Ski Association.

Though all this has been said of skiing, it could apply just as well to all other sports. If a person has what it takes to make a National team his energies will not be used up in competition alone. That and the enthusiasm he is bound to have will make him a forceful proponent of his sport. It is we, the average skiers, who benefit most from those costly trips our experts make to World Championships.

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Uniform Rules Being Set Up For Colleges

by CLIFF JORDAN

Collegiate skiing, long relegated to a secondary role as a sport in most of the colleges and universities throughout the nation, is due for a long awaited boost this winter. And what may prove one of the major steps in the history of skiing is scheduled to be taken at the annual meeting of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) held January sixth to ninth at Cincinnati. To this meeting will come a five-man committee on ski rules appointed two years ago by the NCAA executive committee. This committee will make a formal report to the NCAA on rules and regulations which it feels should be adopted by the NCAA for all colleges and universities which are NCAA members.

The members of the committee, who have been drafting their report on rules for the past year, are: Paul Wright of Western State College of Colorado, chairman; Ed Blood of the University of New Hampshire, Ted Curtis of the University of Maine, Tom Jacobs of Colorado College and Robert Johnson of Washington State College.

The report will not be made public until it has been approved by the NCAA at next month's meeting. However, it has been learned from reliable sources that the report will be concerned chiefly with rules governing intercollegiate skiing and that the rules to be recommended will follow, with few exceptions, those now governing Pacific Northwest and Eastern intercollegiate skiing organizations.

If these rules and recommendations are adopted officially by the NCAA (as is fully expected) the repercussions on intercollegiate skiing in the United States will be felt for some time to come.

For one thing, most skiing authorities agree that the rules accepted by the NCAA will tend to become a sort of national standard for collegiate skiing in this country. The NCAA rules will, of course, become binding on all NCAA member institutions and any serious deviation from these rules and regulations on the part of a member college could mean a "blackballing" of

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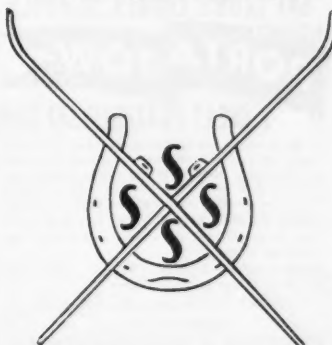
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the offending institution, not only in skiing but in all sports carried on by that institution.

In another field, it is expected that at the same time the NCAA adopts the rules recommendations, they will also announce plans for NCAA National Collegiate Championship skiing meets to be held on an annual basis. Locations for such meets have not been settled, but it is expected that they will be held in alternate eastern and western ski areas. The University of Nevada at Reno has already made a bid for the 1954 NCAA meet and this bid may come up for consideration at the NCAA meetings.

Teams allowed to enter the NCAA competition will be limited to the top three teams in each sectional division, with provisions for five individual college skiing stars in each section to enter the NCAA meets for individual honors.

While no one is ready to predict what effect the NCAA meets will have on FIS and Olympic selections, it is fully expected that these NCAA championship meets will be recognized as tryout meets for both FIS and Olympic teams. The National Ski Association is, of course, the official U.S. representative in the FIS group and hence is responsible for the naming of the U.S. FIS teams. The Olympic selections are made by a U.S. Olympic Ski Games Committee, largely composed of National Ski Association officials. For the 1952 Olympics, the NCAA appointed two representatives to this committee: John Rand of the Dartmouth College Outing Club and John Jay, the well-known ski film authority. But a squabble developed between the NSA and NCAA over these two appointments and they were withdrawn by the NCAA, although later both Rand and Jay were reappointed to the Olympic selection committee by the NSA as a conciliatory gesture.

What it will probably boil down to in the end is that a joint NCAA-NSA committee will make the selections for both the U.S. FIS team and the U.S. Olympic team, although there is a possibility, if agreement is not reached, that the United States would be represented by two ski teams, in the same way as the States had two hockey teams (an AAU and NCAA team) at the 1948 Olympics.

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To strengthen further the sport of skiing and make such rules more effective, it has been learned that the Eastern Intercollegiate Skiing Association is seeking official sanction from the Eastern College Athletic Conference. The EISA wants the backing of the conference for its rules, particularly those governing eligibility. This petition is scheduled to come before the December meeting of the ECAC.

Other regional organizations are making similar plans for recognition within their own conferences and these regional actions together with the all-embracing NCAA action expected next month should go a long way toward putting the sport of skiing on a real intercollegiate basis. What lies ahead no one is venturing to predict, but on the basis of the actions pending this winter, collegiate skiing will make big strides in the next decade.

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I would be driving to some ski area right now."

"Ah so," said Yashiro. His eyes lit up and there was a faint smile on his face. "So you ski arso?"

"Yes I do."

"Ahnd have you been skiing since you lived in Jahpan?"

"No I haven't, in fact I didn't know the Japanese skied."

"Oh yes, we Jahpahnese clazy about it. So . . . you ski?" He touched my arm as if by feeling it he could confirm the fact that I skied. "Ah yes," he smiled, "I shourd have known. Wourd you rike to go skiing this weekend?"

I looked at the snow drifting in through the cracks and said, "Yes, but you see I didn't bring my skis with me. I left them back in the States. Had to travel light you know."

"That makes no mattel at all, we get some for you."

"Where?"

"No questions prease. Meet me hele aht eight o'clock in the molning I show you." He smiled at me, touched my arm, smiled again and walked out of the office.

The next morning the snow had stopped and the sky was clear. There was a cold wind coming from the north. I parked my jeep in front of the Goshu Building where Yash was waiting for me. "Ah so," he said, "you bling youl Jeepo, vely good." He threw his rucksack in the back seat and climbed in. "Dlive to Kyoto prease."

"Is there snow in Kyoto?"

"Oh no, but in the mountains behind Kyoto thele is." I shrugged my shoulders and put the Jeepo on the road. Kyoto is a very old and beautiful city which was once the capital of Japan. I asked Yash if I could get skis and boots in Kyoto. He gave me a quizzical look and asked if I trusted him. I assured him that I did and two hours later we were in Kyoto. Off in the distance were some purplish mountains. From where we were patches of white could be seen which Yashiro assured me were snow.

We drove over back roads, around small farms, over frozen brooks and on up into the snow country. On the way we met two Japanese University students, carrying skis, and we picked them up. They climbed in the back of the jeep and broke into song. "What are they singing?" I asked.

Yashiro shrugged his shoulders, "A Jahpahnese song."

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 "I've heard dirty songs before, what are the words?"

"I can't tlansrate; I don't know enough Engrish." I spent the rest of the trip teaching Yash Anglo-Saxonisms.

By twelve we were at the base of Mt. Hei. It wasn't very high, but there was snow and what appeared to be a beautiful open slope with black dots schussing down it. "Come," said Yash, "now we get you skis." Yash, the two University students and I trudged into the Japanese store. There were skis of all sizes, widths and colors—none over five feet six in length. The storekeeper shook his head and said something which I took to be the Japanese equivalent of "about this I do not know."

"He says you ale so tarr that he has nothing rong enough fol you," explained Yash.

"I've skied on short skis before; tell him to give me whatever he can." There was a long discussion, much shaking of heads and weird gesticulations. Suddenly the storekeeper smiled and touched my arm.

"I tord him you have skied befole ahnd he is vely preased as he thought that this was your filst time." Yash smiled and touched my arm also.

"Does he ski?" I asked, pointing to the storekeeper.

"Oh yes," said Yash. I smiled and touched the storekeeper's arm. Everybody laughed and there was much touching of arms. To this day I am not sure that a skier's arm isn't different from the arm of a non-skier.

We managed to rig up a binding of sorts to fit my combat boots with a reasonable degree of tightness. There was no tow so we climbed to the top. It seemed as if all of Japan was on the one open slope. There were old men, young men, mothers with little children, and two other American idiots like myself. Later in the afternoon they confided that they also thought there was something to this arm touching business.

It was a different kind of skiing, most easily compared to driving down Broadway with none of the traffic lights working. It was impossible to traverse the slope; I was all but knocked silly. It was like being blocked out by the entire Notre Dame line. There was much bowing, apologizing and touching of arms, and then I said to hell with it and schussed the slope like everyone else.

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"Heating saki," he said as if I should have known.

"Why heat it?" I asked.

"Did you ever drink saki cord?"

"I've never drunk saki," I confessed.

We stopped by one of the small fires. There was a conversation in Japanese, much touching of arms, and from out of the snow came a cold bottle of saki. I put it to my lips and drew from it. It tasted like strong Spanish sherry. A small cup was produced and some of the steaming liquid from the pot was poured into it. I tasted it and promptly had a hard time picking myself up. My legs shook and my head vibrated like a kettle drum.

"You see," said Yashiro, "there is a very great difference." I agreed as to how there was and spent the rest of the afternoon sampling vintages from various pots about the slope. To this day I consider myself quite a connoisseur. I know a saki made from Chinese or Korean rice and I can tell if the rice came from a good or a bad crop. By dusk I was quite convivial. I was not, however, prepared for what was to come.

At sundown Yash said, "Come now we eat." We went back to the store where everyone sat cross-legged upon the floor and the storekeeper passed around bowls of steaming white rice and raw fish. I managed to get the rice and fish down. More saki was passed, followed by some frothing green tea. There was much sipping and slurping. To show his appreciation, a Japanese makes a great deal of noise with his food and tea. The room sounded like the testing chamber in a vacuum cleaner factory.

After tea the storekeeper passed out blankets while everything was cleared from the floor. "Come," said Yash, "put your blanket on the floor." Everyone else did the same. "Now," spoke Yash, "lie down on your blanket." I did, so did Yash and the two students. We pulled the remaining blankets over us and soon the room was a sea of forms tightly compressed between one another. The University students accompanied by a drunken Japanese banker gave forth with two more dirty songs and then everyone went to sleep. There were high snores and low snores,



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On Sunday morning there was a breakfast of cold rice and hot fish, the same for lunch and by two in the afternoon the supply of saki ran out. The little people left the slope by twos and threes. I said goodbye to the storekeeper and Yash; the University students and I climbed in the jeep and drove towards Kyoto.

After that Yash and I went to Mt. Hei every weekend. I was sorry to see spring come, for I had made many friends and I thought that without snow I would not see them again until the next winter. With spring, however, I was invited on several climbing expeditions, swimming parties, and fishing trips. There seemed to be a bond among us, but there was no more touching of arms, unless someone mentioned skiing. In the summer I left for the States and was discharged from the Army.

By 1950 I had all but forgotten about Mt. Hei, the saki and the arm-touchers, but one afternoon while walking down Madison Avenue I bumped into Yashiro. Bumped into him to the extent of almost knocking him over. We touched each other's arms and there was talk of days gone by. We went to a nearby elbow-bending spot and Yash told me that he was working for the Japanese State Department in New York. He told me of his plans to get a transfer to San Francisco so that he could go skiing in the West. "Maybe even Sun Varrey," he said. I smiled and thought back to our meeting four years ago.

"You'll miss the hot saki," I laughed. Yash frowned and I felt his hand on my arm.

"You know as well as I," he said, "the saki is not important; it is the skiing, that's the thing." Then he said something which I'll never forget. He was trying to spear the olive in his martini when he spoke half to himself. "The United Nations' delegates ought all to be skiers, then they would understand each other; it's—how you say?—an international bug?"

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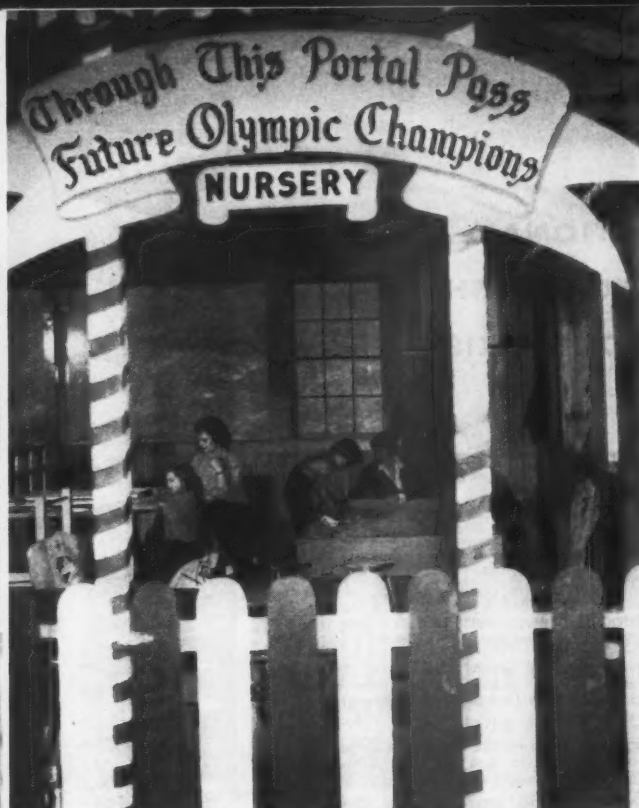
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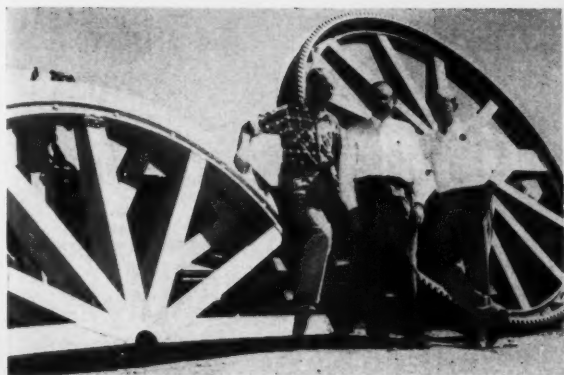


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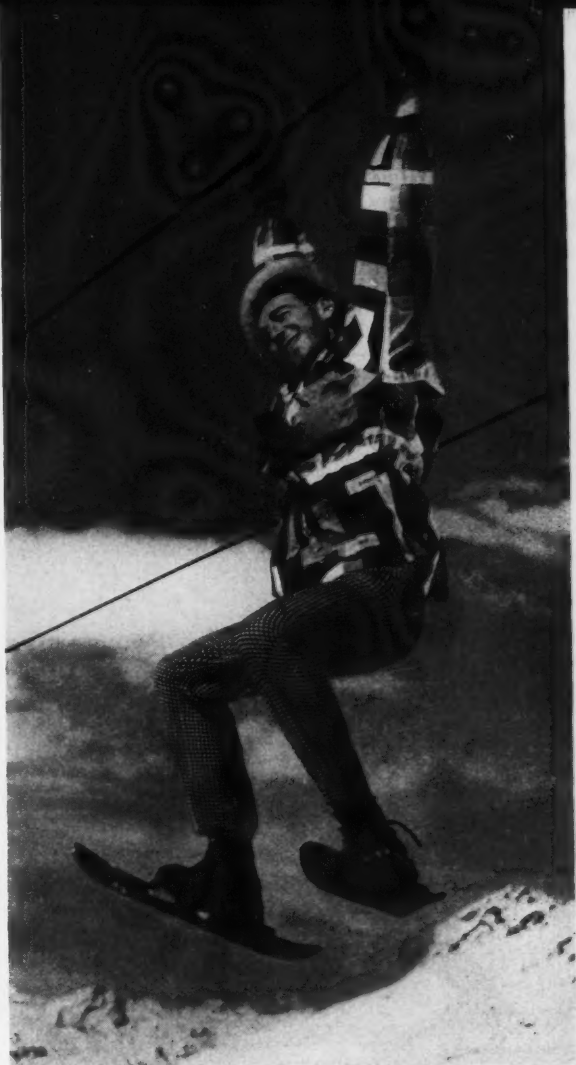
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Q. Why, then, is there such a difference in the prices offered by airlines?

A. Well, it depends on what sort of hotels you stay at, what country you go to and how "all" the "all-inclusive" price is. Let me illustrate. Tour A gives you fifteen days in Europe for \$675; you will go to Davos, Gstaad and Kitzbuehel. Price is "all-inclusive" and includes lift tickets. Tour B gives you twenty days in Europe for \$620. More for less? Maybe, but not necessarily. Tour B may go to Austria, where prices are still extremely low, and the price may not include lift tickets. It may also stay in one spot, thus saving rail and bus expense. You'll have to look each one over carefully and find the one which best suits your plans and purse. For the budget-minded, SAS offers its Ski Bum Special of four weeks at the rock bottom price of \$565-595. The first thing to decide, though, is whether you want to go on a conducted tour, an independent tour or just hop a flight on your own.

Q. What are the pros and cons for each?

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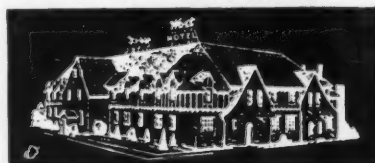
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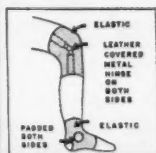
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The third way, which is to handle all arrangements yourself, is recommended only for those few who know exactly where they want to go, where they want to stay, how to read timetables in four different languages and who don't have an aversion to unwrapping red tape by themselves.

Q. OK. Let's say I have picked my tour. What else should I know?

A. You should know that baggage allowance is forty-four pounds on Tourist flights and sixty-six pounds on First Class. Don't fool with excess baggage. You have to be a mathematician to figure out what it costs, but let's just say it is expensive and leave it at that.

Q. What do I have to do in the way of visas, inoculations and so forth?

A. I'm glad you asked that. First of all, you do not need visas for Western European countries. You need only a valid passport. You also need a certificate of vaccination to return to the States. Also, don't forget to get travelers' checks. They are safe, easy and time-saving. You can look into buying European currencies over here, but you'll find that the savings involved rarely warrant the worry of carrying around that much cash. In any case, if you go to Switzerland, you can do all the fancy exchange work you want at better rates. One other hint along these lines: when you have your passport photographs taken, get several extras; they are useful for ski lift passes, special holiday tickets on Swiss railroads and so forth.

Q. How about ski equipment?

A. Items that don't have to be weighed include small cameras, foot rugs, walking canes and infants' bassinets. No skiing equipment is on this list, and so it counts (and heavily at that) in your baggage allowance. If you are cutting it close, try wearing your ski boots. You may also want to buy some of your equipment in Europe. But don't get discouraged when you first weigh your combined baggage and

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Q. *What are the names of some of the good, well-located hotels which cater to skiers in the principal Alpine resorts?*

A. That is a tough one to answer, since some skiers want top de luxe accommodations while others seek to stretch their ski days by patronizing the small inexpensive pensions. If you enter the Alps through Zurich, the Schweizerhof Hotel there is most convenient, since it is located directly across the street from the railroad station, thereby simplifying baggage transfers. If entering through Geneva, the Hotel de Russe is centrally located. In Austria, St. Anton, Zurs, Lech and Kitzbuehel have become most popular with American skiers. The Post hotels at both St. Anton and Lech are worth remembering, while at Kitzbuehel the Grande is de luxe. The Ehrenbachhohe is located at the very top of the mountain. In Zurs both Ernst Skadarasy's Lorunser and the Edelweiss are popular. In Switzerland the following are a few of the many that skiers enjoy: Davos, the Belvedere and also the Derby; Arosa, the Kulm; Grindelwald, the Park Schoenegg and the Adler; in Gstaad, the Gstaad Palace; Klosters, the Chesa Grischuna; St. Moritz, the Palace and the Suvretta House; at Zermatt, the Mont Cervin or the Zermatterhof; at Kleine Scheidegg, the Bellevue des Alpes; Wengen, the Palace, and another Palace at Murren. In France, the Solaise or L'Aigle Blanc at Val d'Isere are good; at Chamonix, the Majestic and the Mont d'Arbois or the Edelweiss at Megève have many followers. In Italy, Cortina's Miramonti Majestic is most enjoyable and at Sestriere, the Grand Hotel Principi di Piemonte is the most sumptuous, while the Duchi D'Aosta and the Albergo del Torre are not exactly on the uncomfortable side.

Q. *How about clothes? What do people wear after skiing in European resort hotels?*

A. The answer to that pretty much depends on the type of hotel at which you are staying. At any of the pensions or small hotels you'll be all right in just
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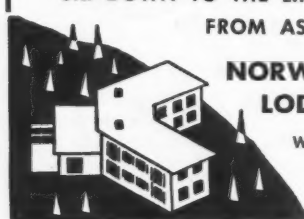


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about anything, including your ski clothes. However, if you are staying in any of the Grande Luxe establishments, you will want evening dress; this means black tie for men, but women can get away with three-quarter-length cocktail dresses. This is de rigueur if you want to dance in the evening, and in some hotels you may not even eat in the dining room if you are not so attired. These regulations usually only apply one or two nights a week and will most often be encountered at hotels frequented by the British. The rest of the time men can get along with grey flannels and sport coats; ladies, be sure to take along your velveteen slacks and after-ski skirts.

Q. By the way, is any time over there better than any other for skiing?

A. Not really. January is considered a "slow" month, and for that reason there are often big reductions in price, especially in Austria where the already low prices come down still more. This is not because the skiing is bad, but rather because it is not as fashionable.

Q. Since I am spending this much money to go over there, isn't it silly not to take in some non-skiing attractions while I am there?

A. Yes, a lot of people feel that way and so many of the tours take in side trips. You should also look over the airline literature. You'll find that you can fly to ten or so cities at no extra cost. For instance, if you have a round trip ticket to Zurich, you can take in London, Paris and others for no extra cost. The reason? A quirk in the price structure which is to your benefit.

This conversation pretty well covered the field for me, however, there are two pieces of advice which all should heed. First, don't try to cover too much ground. When you see the Alps on a map the skiing area looks pretty small. Travel agents assure you that road and rail transportation are good. This is all true, but you can very easily spend a third of your time going from resort to resort—and that is no way to spend a skiing vacation. In one area alone, be it the Arlberg, the Parsenn region or the Bernese Oberland, there is enough variety to last a skier a lifetime.

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The color and stir pervade not only the slopes but the whole establishment—lounge, dining room and bar. There is a story that a man once read through *Paradise Lost* while sitting in the lounge of a ski resort, but the only thing to be admired in him is his power of concentration. He might have put his time to much better use. Fallen angels are all very well, but not when a girl with part of the day's sun caught in her cheeks has just dropped into a deep chair in front of the fire.

Ski resorts exist to provide fun, and that in itself would be reason enough for frequenting them. No one has any business to transact, and that is a state of affairs calculated to bring out the best in human beings. In such an atmosphere, idleness brings no sense of guilt. If others are active, it is because they choose to be. But what is sometimes overlooked about skiing is that you do not need to do it in order to enjoy it. The sense of well-being is general enough to embrace the contemplative as well as the active.

For it is true, as Stevenson observed, that there are two ways of getting fun out of a parade: marching in it, or standing and watching it go by. And one great advantage of the latter is that you see the parade as a whole—in the case under consideration, not just the problem of your own turns and keeping your own knees bent, but a hillside as full of brightly-clad, intent figures as a Bruegel painting.

Sunlight and cold, clean air might be found in other places, and perhaps even the kind of food that skiers expect. But where else would you be sure of all these, plus entertainment that begins before breakfast and does not end until after midnight? You look into a kaleidoscope in which every moving particle is a human being and no two of the patterns formed for your enjoyment are ever quite the same.

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Just Watching

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moment of arrival. They lose their palor and the preoccupied look that some of them have when they come. They forget to read the newspaper, and if there was ever any talk of insomnia and indigestion it has stopped now. They look as if they were in a state of grace and pretty much at peace with the world. That is not the least part of the spectacle you have come to observe.

It is one of the few places where you may watch the show from a position on stage. What goes on around you is not illusion but the real thing, as close as the people at the next table in the dining room, as important as tomorrow's weather. For the period of your stay, the market may go up or down; France may have a new premier, and the Russians may claim to have invented the safety pin, but you have reached a level of being where such things cease from troubling. You have put matters into a truer perspective.

A harsh critic might condemn all this as escapism but escapism is not necessarily a confession of fear and defeat; it may be a means of enlarging your mental horizons, as well as refreshing drooping spirits. If the coming holidays afford you a chance to spend a week or two in pleasant surroundings, among pleasant people, it ought to be a matter not for apology but for congratulation. And one thing is certain: while you are at a ski resort, no one will ask you to explain what brings you there. They will take it for granted that you are there because you like it. Which will be true.

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THERE undoubtedly exist duller events than the usual ski club business meeting, but it'll take some looking to find them. Yet there is no law which states that ski club meetings must be excruciatingly dreary, with meaningless minutes, unintelligibly mumbled by the secretary, with hour-long discussions about microscopic differences and with complicated parliamentary maneuvers to settle them.

In Los Angeles there is a very popular ski club which operates on opposite principles. Its success may give some good ideas to others and therefore we take pleasure in telling the story of the Grindelwald Ski Club.

Once upon a time there lived in the City of the Angels a young man named Sutter E. Kunkel. Sutter—or "Sut," as he is generally called—spent his weekdays peering at the smog-ridden eyes of his fellow Angelenos and prescribing glasses for them. Weekends, at least in the winter, he tried to get away from it all by skiing on Southern California's nearby ski slopes.

Now Sut was a very gregarious, friendly and helpful fellow. As such, he helped out with the work of the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce, especially in work that had to do with projects where he could meet sports-minded people.

Sut also was blessed with a number of relatives of the feminine gender who liked to go skiing and didn't always want to depend on Sut for company or transportation.

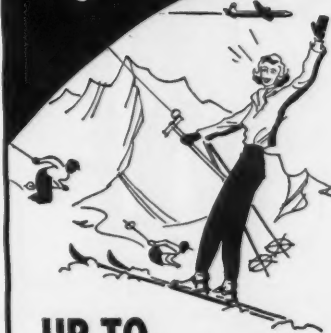
It is easy to see how from this configuration of circumstances the idea of forming a ski club was born—a ski club for people who, like Sutter himself, were on the fringes of organized skiing.

The historic first meeting of the embryo club took place on September 1, 1949, at a very auspicious place: the Switzerland Cafe in Los Angeles which, through its atmosphere and charm, has played a major part in making the club a success.

Seven skiers, partly from the Junior Chamber group, were the founding fathers and, to everyone's considerable surprise, pledged the necessary twenty-five dollars to ally their new club with the Far West Ski Association.

The most burning issue at this first meeting was the *(Continued on next page)*

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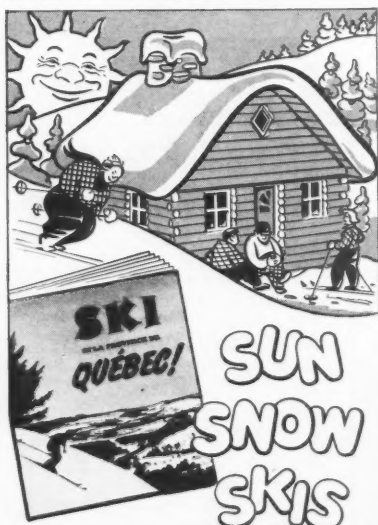


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Grindelwald Club

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choice of a name. The requirements of a dramatic plot would lead your chronicler to tell how Sut, with tears in his eyes, reminisced of happy hours in Grindelwald and swept the crowd along with his enthusiasm. Prosaic truth, however, compels us to narrate that Sut had never even heard of Grindelwald and, in fact, had set his heart on the name Ullr. However, the Swiss atmosphere, the Swiss potables and the wonderful yodeling and music of the Moserbuebi soon overcame the Nordic influence, particularly since one member of the Moserbuebi band, accordion player Jack Hosli, was also one of the club's founders. Under Jack's influence such names as Arosa, Parsenn, Alpenrose, Grindelwald and Diavolezza came to the fore, and before the last toast had been drunk, Grindelwald had been voted in.

To Sut, as the originator of the club, fell the job of drawing up its constitution and rules. And it is here that the Grindelwald shines.

The members, or those that feel like it, congregate once a month at the Switzerland Cafe. During ski season, the meetings take place oftener; every Thursday the members get together to make plans, dates and arrangements for the coming weekends.

While the club occasionally holds full business meetings, these are rare. Instead, club business is conducted by bulletin board and mimeograph. Every member has a mimeographed Grindelwald Ski Club Book with the constitution and bylaws, membership list, rosters of committees, explanations of committee projects, minutes of meetings, etc. Monthly additions are mailed

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Grindelwald Club

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to the members. If jobs are to be done, they are handed over to small committees. If decisions are to be voted on, the members receive a mimeographed statement of the reasons and arguments to file into their books and to think over. At the meeting there is no long palaver. The members troop out to the outdoor dance floor and vote Swiss style, by simple raising of hands. As the Book's preface says: "Let's leave the business home, in this book."

As can be seen, the Grindelwald Ski Club's meetings are devoted mostly to important matters such as eating, drinking, folk-dancing, flirting and plighting troths. The Swiss influence has continued to be an important factor. The entire active membership of the original Grindelwald Ski Club in Switzerland has been unanimously voted to honorary membership in the American club. Badges and emblems have been exchanged. A goodly percentage of the club's membership has gone to Switzerland for skiing and owing to connections and club training felt very much at home; when Sut himself made the pilgrimage, he was feted and lionized from one end of Switzerland to the other.

Yes, the Grindelwald Ski Club has certainly achieved its purpose as stated in its Book: "... to enjoy skiing and all that goes with it ... singing, dancing, and a little beer drinking."

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Memorial Planned To Honor Peabody

A tribute and living memorial is being planned to honor the late Roland Peabody, who devoted many years of his life to skiers and skiing on Cannon Mountain at Franconia, N.H.

Conceived by the Franconia Ski Club, the memorial will consist of a bronze plaque bearing the likeness of Mr. Peabody, in relief, and the establishment of a Children's Fund to help school youngsters buy ski equipment in the area.

The bronze plaque is being executed by the noted American sculptor Simon Moselsio and will hang in the base station of the Cannon Mountain aerial tramway. A small replica in terracotta will also be awarded each year to the winner of the annual Interscholastic Four-event Meet, which was originated by Mr. Peabody.

Mr. Peabody was particularly interested in the development of junior skiers and ran a ski school at Cannon. He also was one of the founders of the Franconia Ski Club, and played an important role in securing passage by the New Hampshire Legislature of the bill making possible the erection of the aerial tramway and the development of the mountain for skiing. He was managing director of the tramway for twelve years after its erection, until his death last year. It was also under his direction that the first paid ski patrol was established at Cannon and each member required to take a First Aid course before becoming eligible for the patrol.

Pledges or contributions for the Memorial Fund will be gratefully received by Ross Wilson, treasurer of the Franconia Ski Club.

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